



## Dewey Everett Kephart

November 20, 1946 - August 13, 2022

Dewey Everett Kephart was born on November 20, 1946 in Nashville, Tennessee and passed away at his home in Lyles, Tennessee on August 13, 2022. He was 75 years old.

He is the son of the late Elver Boyd Kephart Sr. and Martha Cleo Clark Kephart.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers E.B. Kephart Jr. and Bobby Wayne Kephart and by his special four legged companion Charlie, the English Bulldog.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years (Just a few weeks shy of 57 years) Rosaline "Rose" Rae Hitzeman Kephart of Lyles, Tennessee. Son Ronald (Renee) Kephart of Pike Road, Alabama. Daughter Tamra (Steve) Riggs of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Sisters Patricia Harkness of Dundee, Michigan and Charlene Hutsell of Jasper, Alabama. Grandchildren Paige (Laura Farr) Kephart, Madison Kephart, Lauren Davis, Andrew Davis, Rebecca (Brian Bermudez) Kaufman, William Kaufman, and Katherine Kaufman. Great-Grandson Jackson Bermudez. His special Church family and friends. Along with many other relatives, friends, and loved ones.

Mr. Kephart was a proud Veteran of the United State Marines. He enlisted at

the age of 17 and served for six years. He entered the military at a time of great uncertainty, as the war in Vietnam was in full swing.

He was a faithful member of the Westview United Methodist Church in Fairview, Tennessee since 1982.

He and Rose were married almost 57 years ago. She says that upon their marriage he made sure that she could shoot a gun, climb a rope, and repel back down. They enjoyed exploring caves, and this is something they would do with their children as well.

After his time in the service, he worked many different jobs. Most recently, before retirement, he was the manager at the Harvey's Department Store Warehouse. Following his time there, he worked as a security guard for the Opryland Hotel. This position afforded him many opportunities to meet several celebrities in the country music industry. These included the likes of Kitty Wells, Minnie Pearl, and childhood hero Roy Rogers. He was also involved in helping with the boy scouts, and would teach gun safety courses.

His retirement years brought on many hobbies and interests that he loved to share with others. He learned to play the Mandolin and could be found on Friday nights at the Hardee's in Centerville before they closed. Those that gathered there still continued to play at the Hickman County Library, and then the Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Centerville. Through playing he and Rose have made many friends through the years. He also spent time working wood and leather, and he was a true craftsman. He gave away a multitude of gifts to different people. At one time, he would set up at the Farmer's Market in Centerville with his "Air Conditioned" Canes, and while he sold many he also gave away many to those he thought could use one. Dewey was also a history buff. He loved going to museums and was known to let them know if there was something that he thought was inaccurate on

display.

His family describes him as a good man. He had high expectations for them, but also would never ask something of them that he himself could not do. He never met a stranger and loved others. He will be missed very deeply by all of his family and friends.

Zoom Meeting Information:

Topic: Kephart Funeral

Time: Aug 18, 2022, 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens

2833 Highway 100 E  
Centerville, TN 37033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 18. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County  
102 West End Ave.  
Centerville, TN 37033  
(931) 729-3561

## Funeral Service

AUG 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RG

“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Dewey Everett Kephart



Ronald Gammons - August 21, 2022 at 09:25 AM

JC

“ James Clark lit a candle in memory of Dewey Everett Kephart



James Clark - August 18, 2022 at 08:03 PM

JC

“ Will miss Dewey at the singing in Centerville, he was a joy to be around and he could play the mandolin very good. Will miss visiting with him. Prayers for Rose and his family.



Jennifer Bertrand Carroll - August 18, 2022 at 09:16 AM

FW

“ Felicia Wilbanks sent a virtual gift in memory of Dewey Everett Kephart



Felicia Wilbanks - August 17, 2022 at 10:18 PM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss. I loved Dewey and Rose. They some of the finest people I ever met. He was a joy to play music with and I enjoyed buying the things he made. Fine people. He will be sadly missed.

Melody Johnson - August 17, 2022 at 12:37 PM

MJ

“ Melody Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dewey Everett Kephart



Melody Johnson - August 17, 2022 at 12:33 PM

VB

“ Vicky Beagle lit a candle in memory of Dewey Everett Kephart



Vicky Beagle - August 17, 2022 at 12:42 AM

HJ

“ He was a good man with many stories. I was blessed to know him.



Heather Jennette - August 16, 2022 at 01:07 AM



“ *Sandi Westover lit a candle in memory of Dewey Everett Kephart*



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**Sandi Westover** - August 15, 2022 at 03:34 PM



“ *Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Dewey Everett Kephart*



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**Betty Love** - August 15, 2022 at 02:02 PM



“ *Joe Thornton lit a candle in memory of Dewey Everett Kephart*



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**Joe Thornton** - August 15, 2022 at 11:42 AM



*Rose and family. I'm saddened by Dewey's passing. I pray for your comfort during a most difficult time. Always remember the joy he spread throughout his life time and the pleasures he received while playing music and spreading his talents of crafting so many different objects. God's love will abound through Dewey's memory of all those he cherished most.*

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**Lou Gann** - August 15, 2022 at 11:22 PM

BI

“ *Brenda Isbell lit a candle in memory of Dewey Everett Kephart*



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**Brenda Isbell** - August 15, 2022 at 11:06 AM

AC

“ *Alisa D Collins lit a candle in memory of Dewey Everett Kephart*



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**Alisa D Collins** - August 15, 2022 at 07:05 AM

PT

“ *Patsy Turman lit a candle in memory of Dewey Everett Kephart*



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**Patsy Turman** - August 14, 2022 at 10:37 PM