



John Calvin Kimbrough

September 17, 1930 - August 23, 2015

Funeral Services for Mr. John C. Kimbrough, 84, of Tishomingo, Oklahoma will be held on Friday, August 28, 2015 at 10:00 a. m. at the First United Methodist Church, located at 202 N. Neshoba in Tishomingo. Rev. Michael Dye will be officiating the service with a Eulogy by Dustin Rowe. Interment will follow in the Tishomingo Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard. Mr. Kimbrough passed away on Sunday, August 23, 2015 at the Canoe Brook Assisted Living Center in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

John Calvin Kimbrough was born to Rev. R. E. "Emette" and Edna (Wheeler) Kimbrough in Tishomingo on September 17, 1930. He grew up in "Tish" and as a teenager, became known as a part time barber to his friends. He would open up his father's barbershop after hours and offer his friends haircuts, shaves and slosh on something that smelled good. Some of them were even "free". He graduated from Tishomingo High School where he excelled in football and basketball. There are many beloved stories from his fellow classmates but one that was most cherished was when Tishomingo High School inducted him into their Athletic Hall of Fame. John proudly served in the United States Army as a member of the 45th Division in Korea alongside his hometown buddies. Many of whom were lifelong friends.

He was a graduate of Murray State College and Southeastern Oklahoma State University where he received his degree in Elementary Education. John married Martha Trotter, his childhood sweetheart, on October 4, 1969. They shared the beginning of their wonderful life together in Hobbs, New Mexico where John started his first teaching job. He later accepted a position working with his older brother in Chinle, Arizona, where he and Martha began a memorable career on a Navajo Indian Reservation, teaching, coaching, and later becoming principal. While on the Reservation, John became a "self-taught" accomplished silversmith and has created many artistic pieces of silver jewelry.

Moving back to Oklahoma in 1980, he taught school at Valliant, Lone Grove and Dickson. After retirement, John was a substitute teacher at the high school in Tishomingo. He served on the Tishomingo City Council and as Vice-Mayor. He was active in the Lions Club and had a true spirit of giving. John is a member of the United Methodist Church of Tishomingo and became a charter member of "The Terrific 10+". The family would like to thank this group for their service, friendship and love to him. John loved to paint with oils, grow and can tomatoes and bake delicious pies for everyone, but most of all he loved to fish and tell stories to friends at the Dairy Queen coffee shop.

John was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Madeline Key and Mary Hau, brothers Roland E. "Stud" Kimbrough, Jr. and Charles R. Kimbrough.

He is survived by his dedicated and devoted wife Martha, son, Charles Wesley and wife Cindy Kimbrough of Oklahoma City, grandchildren, Lucas and wife Jessica, Katie Dale, Adam Smith and wife Kristen, great-grandchildren, Miles, Sidney and Lily, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and caring friends. A special thank you to all their wonderful friends at Ardmore Retirement Center.

The family will receive friends on Thursday evening from 6-8 pm at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made in John's name to the Murray State College Foundation, One Murray Campus, Tishomingo, OK 73460.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Calvin Kimbrough*

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of having Mr. Kimbrough as a coach at Lone Grove. He was a great inspiration to me.*

Nubbin McClennahan - September 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *John Calvin Kimbrough*

Wayne and Kathy Nan (Manley) Fagala - August 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr.Kimbrough will be missed by all who knew him. He was my very favorite, preferred substitute at Tishomingo High School. He was respected and well liked by the students as he taught them art in my absence. So sorry for your loss, Martha. He was such a kind person. We need more like him in this world. Geneva Kennedy*

Geneva Kennedy - August 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of your loss(aunt Martha) we miss you and love you and thinking of you at this time.*

julie taylor jim taylor - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Martha,
I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Kimbrough was a sweet heart. Loved that smile and bald head. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to meet you both and formed a close friendship. Will keep you in my prayers.

Judy Lewellen - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Mr. Kimbrough was my 6th grade teacher and he was an awesome teacher. He will be truly missed by everyone that knew him. My prayers go to his family.*

Terra Cryer - August 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Martha,
I am so sorry for your loss. I will miss seeing Mr. Kimbrough at the hospital. I always enjoyed visiting with you both. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.
Sincerely,
Sara Lee

Sara Lee - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM