



Vernon Kinsey

January 6, 2012

Vernon Kinsey, 90, of Hot Springs, Arkansas passed away January 6, 2012. He was born June 10th, 1921 to Marcus Lawson Kinsey and Cynthia Kinsey in Mazarn Township, Montgomery County, Arkansas. There he was raised along with his six siblings Willis Kinsey, Calvin Kinsey, Hermas Kinsey, Hazel Bryant, Edith Fry, and Uva Breckling.

He is survived by children Vernon A Kinsey and wife Deborah, Rick Kinsey and wife Melinda, Bob Kinsey and wife Sheryl, Marc Kinsey and wife Beth, Steve Smedley and wife Rhonda, and by his sister Uva Breckling and her husband Julius. He is preceded in death by his wife Floretta Kinsey, son James Kenneth, and siblings Willis, Calvin, Hermas, Hazel, and Edith.

One of his favorite past times was telling terrific boyhood stories and bestowing much needed tough advice to his grand children Brian, Shane, Kyle, Justin, Jayme, Melissa, Ashley, Eyan, Nico, Haley, Ali and his great grand children Brooklyn, Ezra, Ella, and Skylar.

After graduating valedictorian from then one room Mt. Ida High School, he went on to study business in Hot Springs and became a bookkeeper for Wilson Meat Packing Company. As the story was told by him, as a young boy, he saw airplanes in the sky and decided he wanted to "fly one of those." He sought out an instructor, and for \$65.00 became a private pilot. As a result, many pilots were trained during World War II by Naval Aviator Lieutenant Vernon Kinsey in Pensacola, Florida. After the war, his last mission was to deliver the plane to the bone yard and make his way back

home. He became a commercial pilot for Hot Springs Airways and later he made a forty year successful career at Sears and Allstate Insurance. At retirement, his next successful career was a real estate broker. He was a true entrepreneur and a driven businessman. An avid outdoorsman, who loved hunting and fishing his entire life, he truly enjoyed teaching those skills to his children and grand children. He was tough as nails, always gave you the straight hard truth and to him, family and faith always, always came first. Visitation is Tuesday, January 10th from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. and memorial service will be held Wednesday, January 11th at 1:00 p.m. Both will be held in the chapel of Hot Springs Funeral Home with Minister Vance Eubanks of Prairie Grove Christian Church (formerly of Hot Springs Christian Church) officiating. The burial at Peak Cemetery will follow the memorial service.

Tribute Wall

EP

“ I was so sorry to hear of Uncle Vernons passing. I was Calvin's step daughter.. My thoughts and prayers are with your family

Elece Parliment - January 11, 2012 at 03:55 PM

MW

“ You won't know who I am. I was a distant cousin to Vernon. I'm the daughter of Fay and Rosa Sturgill, if that helps. Just want you all to day your Dad was a very special man. As a child, I remember him being a jokester, but a very sincere and dedicated father and husband. He will be missed by all that knew him. May God bless each and everyone of you. Margaret Sturgill Webb

Margaret Sturgill Webb - January 10, 2012 at 12:01 PM

AA

“ Debbie, Vernon and family, sorry about Mr. Vernon. He was a special person and a very sweet neighbor. My prayers are with all of you.

Alta Adams - January 09, 2012 at 06:12 PM

LJ

“ We're thinking of you, Aunt Melissa, and praying for you all. God bless.

Lyndsey Jensen - January 09, 2012 at 04:14 PM

KW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during the coming days. The Norman Family

Kathy Norman Wingo - January 09, 2012 at 03:33 PM

PD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Peace of the Lord be with you and your family.*

Pat and Debby Doherty - January 09, 2012 at 02:51 PM

CR

“ *all of you are in our prayers through this time.*

Chrissy Reed - January 09, 2012 at 08:38 AM