



Todd Kimsey

January 15, 1926 - April 27, 2019

Cochran Funeral Home & Crematory announces Memorial Services for Mr. Todd Kimsey, age 93 of Hiawassee.

Todd Kimsey was called Home to spend eternity with our Lord on April 27, 2019. A local native, he was born January 15, 1926. Todd enlisted in our US Navy and served aboard his beloved USS Pasadena, stationed not far from shore at the Battle of Iwo Jima as a fire control man. Leaving the Navy in April of 1946, Todd married his sweetheart, Hellen Herbert, also a local native. They both embarked upon Todd's lifelong love of education becoming teachers in elementary and high school levels, and on to Young Harris College. In spite of his advanced studious intellect and many achievements, Todd was a very humble, humorous, and generous man. He was a wonderful friend and teacher to everyone he met.

Todd leaves behind his wife, Hellen, after 73 years of marriage. They have a daughter, Ann, who gave them two wonderful grandsons, Keith and Kevin Potts. There are four great grandsons and one great granddaughter. Also sharing in his legacy are many friends, loved ones, and former students who are now scattered over America. Todd was a longtime member of our local American Legion Post #23 where he leaves many Veterans who all loved him dearly. He is and will be missed by all who were blessed to know him.

Memorial Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the new Foster Park Recreation & Conference Center, 150 Foster Park Road, Young Harris, GA 30582 Phone: 706-896-2600. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until the service begins. Interment will follow at Laurel Hills Memorial Gardens with Military Honors presented by the North Georgia Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, Todd and Hellen request that you send donations to American Legion Post #23, 1329 Sunnyside Rd., Hiawassee, GA 30546.

Arrangements entrusted to Cochran Funeral Home & Crematory.

Cemetery

Events

Laurel Hills Memory Gardens **MAY**

2615 Georgia 17

Hiawassee, GA, 30546

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Memorial Services

02:00PM

Foster Park Recreation & Conference Center

150 Foster Park Rd., Young Harris, GA, US, 30582

Comments



“ My prayers go out to Mrs. Hellen and the family. I loved Tk so much, always a joy to be around, and always a favorite! He was a fantastic teacher and YHC was better for having him! You will be missed my dear friend!
Peggy Greene

Peggy Greene - May 10, 2019 at 06:34 PM



“ Willene & Richard Haigler lit a candle in memory of Todd Kimsey



willene & Richard Haigler - May 10, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ Who else besides Mr. Kimsey could name his calves after Nancy Couch and me and make it seem an honor? He was my zoology teacher in the spring of 1969 and from that time on, he has been central to my love of Young Harris, along with his beloved wife, Helen. Their love story, expressed in so many ways, and added to his humorous view of life, his knowledge about so many things, his love of YHC and her students, and his absolute pride and patriotism for his country made him a giant among men. Life goes on, but there's something missing now, something irreplaceable, and although I'm certain he will continue to watch over Mrs. Kimsey - for me, I can only hope that one day I'll see him again.

lucy bryant kole - '70 - May 05, 2019 at 07:27 AM



“ Carolyn Hutson lit a candle in memory of Todd Kimsey



Carolyn Hutson - May 04, 2019 at 08:03 PM



“ Erwin Davenport Bjork lit a candle in memory of Todd Kimsey



Erwin Davenport Bjork - May 03, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ He was a wonderful teacher. He was tough but always fair! We will miss him
He is and will always be part of our Young Harris experience!

Eileen Marshall

Eileen Marshall - May 03, 2019 at 11:59 AM



“ Mr. Kimsey was a true delight to all of us who knew him. Wonderful teacher, mentor, and gentleman. Thank you for your service to this great country. Thank you from all of us who were inspired by your teachings.

Dexter Shook - May 03, 2019 at 07:05 AM



“ TK was my absolute favorite professor in my college and medical school career. No one else ever inspired me, encouraged me, or demanded the very best effort from me the way he did during my two years at YHC. He tolerated us, laughed with us (often also laughed AT us - and we deserved it), hugged us, comforted us, educated us, and engaged us in more ways than I can recount in this space. Our bunch was a high-spirited group of friends on our own for the first time, but we all knew we were never truly alone because we had each other, and we knew without a doubt we had TK to be the type of mentor and stand-in parent we all needed in those years of transitioning from childhood to adulthood. No one did it better! We visited TK and Ms Hellen when we could in the past 30+ years since leaving YHC. Always hospitable, always with a smile, and often trotting out an old photo he kept framed of us, he always made us feel welcome and like no time had passed at all. Rest easy, TK. We love you and will see you again one day.

Staci Valenzuela Kelley, M.D.

YHC Class of 1987

Staci Kelley - May 02, 2019 at 12:04 PM



“ Love love love that man and Hellen. I had the pleasure of having TK for Science Majors Biology. He scared me to death but underneath that gruff exterior was a man that truly loved his students. His passion for teaching was front and center. Bud and I also had the good fortune to have him and Hellen as neighbors when we bought our place in YH. He will forever hold a special place in my heart. We will miss him!

Dana, Bud and Chase

Dana Ferguson - May 02, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ I agree—he was scary, but a sweetheart underneath, and I learned sooo much from him. I am sad that he is gone.

Susan Lee Hauser - May 02, 2019 at 08:49 PM



“ Todd was one of my favorite people and I will always remember the time spent with him and Hellen in my office- discussing the problems of the world and also laughing a lot. I will miss him.

Sheila Chapman - May 02, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ Mr. Todd Kimsey was the Very Best teacher I ever had in my college career. He was a true conservative American patriot that, (apparently) tolerated our, "Hippie Dippy" ways of talking and dress back in the 70's! (LOL!) He was firm but kind, and working for him on his farm was a lesson in work ethic that has lasted me to this day. The world is a lesser place for the loss of such a wonderful man. He will be remembered and honored always.

Jerry C. Reich

Jerry Reich - May 02, 2019 at 08:28 AM



“ I had Mr TK in 1974, for Biology, one of the best teachers I have ever had! He got to know his students and was so supportive! His journey on earth is over and now he is reaping his rewards! Good job Mr. Kinsey!

Susan Floyd Dunaway
Class of 75



Susan Dunaway - May 02, 2019 at 08:19 AM



“ Lara Tucker lit a candle in memory of Todd Kimsey



Lara Tucker - May 02, 2019 at 12:47 AM



“ He was my biology professor at YHC and he was very kind to me and supportive of my LD issues. I know heaven is rejoicing at his arrival!

Anne Godbold - May 01, 2019 at 10:19 PM



“ He was such an inspirational teacher! Thank you for your service! Peace be with you
Glenda 1977-78



Glenda - May 01, 2019 at 10:11 PM



“ Charlene / Max Hogsed lit a candle in memory of Todd Kimsey



Charlene / Max Hogsed - May 01, 2019 at 09:14 PM



“ Great teacher and a true gentleman. He loved students and his profession.

Kathy Ackerman Whitten - May 01, 2019 at 10:25 PM



“ You made such an impression on us. Even though biology was early and many of us were sleepy, you woke us up to learning. We shared some great laughs in the dissecting labs. God Bless you for encouraging us to learn.

Cheryl Marshall - May 01, 2019 at 11:50 PM



“ Mr. Kimsey was a mentor and friend. My life was enriched because of him. RIP.

Ben York, Class of 1970.

Ben York - May 02, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ Aunt Hellen, Ann, Kevin, and Keith, I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Todd. My thoughts and prayers for you all during this difficult time. Love you all! Angie

Angie Pietsch - May 02, 2019 at 10:27 AM



“ I was fortunate to have Todd as a teacher at Towns County High School and later at Young Harris College. The examples set by him and Mr. Frank Erwin were chief reasons I chose a life of teaching. Sam Ensley

Sam Ensley - May 02, 2019 at 03:37 PM



“ Helen, Ann, and Family,
Holding each of you close in our thoughts and prayers! Tk made a difference in many lives!
There will never be another one like him!

Love to all,

Jerry and Sharon Hogsed Everett

Sharon - May 06, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ Ann, Kevin, Keith & family, Our Sincere Sympathy goes out to you. Craig & Marsha



