



Keith Waddell

February 10, 1924 - December 16, 2017

HARRY KEITH WADDELL, AGE 93

And a resident of Franklinton died early Saturday morning December 16, 2017 at his home. Keith was a native of Kansas and a former longtime resident of New Orleans where he served as vice-president of Federal Land Bank for 20 years before moving to Franklinton. He was an active member of First Baptist Church of Franklinton where he was a member of the Merry Hearts and Senior Singers choir. Keith previously served as a Board member of Good Samaritan Living Center and was a member of the Franklinton Area Economic Development Foundation and the American Legion.

Keith was a proud United States Air Force veteran of World War II. He was a member of the 444th B Squadron 320th Bomber Group and flew the B-26 Midrange Bomber during the European theater, in which he flew to completion 67 missions, each one a very precarious situation from take-off to landing. Following General Patton's liberation of the Dachau concentration camp, Keith flew in and helped evacuate wounded POWs and other service men to Paris.

Survived by:

3 Sons and Daughters in law: Steve and Jan Waddell,
Gregg and Laurie Waddell,

Douglas and Melanie Waddell all of Mandeville

Daughter: Kay Waddell of Franklinton

10 Grandchildren and Spouses

12 Great-grandchildren

Also numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Helen Louise Waddell, his parents Hugh Ambrose Waddell and Virgie Mae Coleman Waddell, brother Kenneth, sisters Rosalie and Louise.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Thursday December 21st from 10 am until 2 pm. A funeral service will be held at 2 pm Thursday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Paul Watts and Rev. Joey Miller officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in Ellis Cemetery.

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com


Tribute Wall

HB

“ *What a wonderful man - I first meet Mr. Keith when he came to our place to pick blueberries. Such an easy person to love - I know he will be dearly missed!*

*Hope Bickham
Franklinton*

Hope Bickham - December 28, 2017 at 06:02 PM

 Harriet
Cupp

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. I worked with his wife, Mrs. Helen. He was a stand up guy.*

Harriet Cupp - December 27, 2017 at 03:45 PM

CO

“ *He always greeted you with a smile and warm welcome when we would go to the voting booth.*

Collette - December 27, 2017 at 02:28 PM

RM

“ *Gonna miss you Mr. Waddell.
Good man, with a great family.
Always positive, funny and we thank you for your service.*

Rob and Jenny Masson

Rob Masson - December 21, 2017 at 03:13 PM

TC

“ *The OLL Choir purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Keith Waddell.*



The OLL Choir - December 18, 2017 at 07:53 PM

DB

“ *Class act
Great husband father and grandfather*

don bonewitz - December 18, 2017 at 05:37 PM

LD

“ *My father, Ronald Harrison, grew up with Keith Waddell. My dad was born in Newton and then went to high school in Florence, KS. He passed away Nov. 23, this Thanksgiving. Dad named my older brother, Keith, after your dad.*

I was looking up contact information for your dad to try to find out if he had any special memories and my dad, to share, so that I could tell our pastor to include those in our memorial service and celebration of life for my dad, this coming Saturday on December 23rd.

Our sincere condolences for your loss. I know he must have been a very Special man.

Lesley Harrison Draper, daughter f Ron Harrison, Emporia, KS.

Lesley Harrison Draper - December 18, 2017 at 05:00 PM

SL

“ Keith it's so hard to write anything just knowing you left us is hard enough. I will never be able to tell you how much you will be missed. You were a great father and friend. I just wish we could have gone fishing one more time. Hope you catch some big ones when you get up there with GOD. I WILL SURELY MISS YOU AND YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN, GOOD TRAVELING.

sonny Lindsey - December 18, 2017 at 01:27 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Keith Waddell.



December 18, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ Everyone loved Keith! I always enjoyed being around him and talking to him. Such a precious man. You are missed and forever will be. All my love and condolences to the entire Waddell family!
Love, Leigh Ann

Leigh Freshley - December 18, 2017 at 11:59 AM

DB

First class man
Don Bonewitz

don bonewitz - December 18, 2017 at 02:29 PM

TE

We love you Keith...

tedmcelveen - December 19, 2017 at 03:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Keith Waddell.*



December 18, 2017 at 08:42 AM



“ *We will miss you Mr. Keith. Our condolences to the entire Waddell family. The Massons*

Rob Masson - December 18, 2017 at 08:29 AM



“ *I had many wonderful visits with Mr. Keith, and always left feeling more blessed than when I arrived. We laughed, we talked politics, we talked about his military service, and always talked about his faith in Christ. My deepest condolences go out to his family.*

Dale Parker - December 17, 2017 at 06:49 PM



“ *Lib Stafford Scheuermann lit a candle in memory of Keith Waddell*



Lib Stafford Scheuermann - December 17, 2017 at 05:26 PM

RS

“ Col. Waddell was probably the most gracious, unassuming gentlemen I have known in the past 73 years. A bomber pilot during WWII, he also piloted the highly maneuverable P-51 Mustangs in the early 1950s as he continued to serve in the Air Force Reserve. Always a gentleman, Keith Waddell was a man worthy of emulation, and he will be missed by many, as he has been loved by many. Thank you, God, for sending us such heroes as Keith Waddell. I will certainly miss him.

Reggie Simmons - December 17, 2017 at 09:58 AM

RC

“ Roland Carter lit a candle in memory of Keith Waddell



Roland Carter - December 16, 2017 at 08:52 PM

RC

Will miss a very dear friend. He loved the American Legion and was a very fine person.

Roland Carter - December 16, 2017 at 08:54 PM