



## Clarence Edward Nixon

February 12, 1928 - December 14, 2017

Mr. Clarence Edward Nixon, Age 89 of Hickman, TN, passed away Thursday, December 14, 2017.

Born February 12, 1928, the youngest son of the late Finis and Eva Nixon of Hickman Tennessee. He was also preceded in death by his Brother; Robert Jim Nixon, Sister; Ocia Nixon Paschall, and Granddaughter; Etta Turner.

In his late teens with his brother in law, Ray Paschall, Clarence created a partnership to purchase what was known as Nixon & Paschall General Merchandise Store in the heart of Hickman. Close as brothers, Ray Paschall ran the store while Clarence chose to volunteer in the US Army in WWII and trained and worked as a medic assistant. As with all war veterans, he experienced many things no individual should have to.

Upon release from the military on June 30, 1950 Clarence married the love of his life, Mary Etta Turner and spent the next 67 years working, raising a family, and building community all around them.

He took over his role in the business and ran a peddling truck bringing food and goods to every holler around while Ray and Mary Etta held down the store. Clarence was beloved on his route and knew all his customers by name and merchandise preference. In the store, Clarence, Mary Etta, and Ray were known for helping families get over the hard times by giving credit and waiting until crops were sold to pay their food bills.

As a second job Clarence became a substitute rural mail carrier and later after closure of the store in 1987, he worked full time for the United States Postal Service. He was esteemed on his route where he would stop, joke and even rescue his patrons from snakes. He retired from the US Postal Service in 1995. He also was known to fix many pumps in the freezing cold and dead of night. In his retirement he took care of his neighbors.

Clarence and Mary Etta have 5 children who could have asked for no better parents; Mary

Susan Johnson, Victor Keith Nixon, Candice Kay Medley, John Timothy Nixon, and Pennye Lyn Nixon.

They are also the proud grandparents of Ellen Roeber, Katie Nixon, Douglas Albritton, Sayer Nixon, Jessica Frye, Lauren Davis, Zachary Medley, Nicholas Nixon, Taylor Johnson, Catherine Nixon, Atticus Turner, Will Turner, Yamini West, and Miles Nixon. They too are blessed to have 11.5 great grandchildren.

Clarence loved many people in his life but of special importance was his son in law, Mark Medley, and others who he thought of as his children; Lisa Tuggle and Michael Joe Halliburton.

Clarence was a member & deacon of Hickman Baptist Church where he served the Lord and worshiped joyfully with his family and neighbors.

Clarence would say he was the luckiest man in the world to have had a life with such a wonderful wife, family, neighbors and friends.

Funeral Services for Mr. Clarence Nixon are scheduled to be conducted from the Hickman Baptist Church on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 11AM with family delivering the Eulogy and Mark Medley officiating. Interment will follow in the Baird Memorial Cemetery in Hickman, TN.

Visitation with the Nixon Family will be held at the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes on Sunday from 1PM until 6PM and at the Hickman Baptist Church on Monday after 9AM until service time at 11AM.

In lieu of flowers, the Nixon family requests memorials in Mr. Clarence's memory be made to the Hickman Baptist Church or to Etta Projects at [ettaprojects.org](http://ettaprojects.org).

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." ~ Pericles

Bass Funeral Home, Gordonsville Chapel, Directors

# Cemetery

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## **Baird Memorial Cemetery**

50 Sykes Rd  
Hickman, TN, 38567

# Events

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**DEC** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 06:00PM

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Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Home  
71 E Main Street P. O. Box 248, Gordonsville, TN, US,  
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**DEC** **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Hickman Baptist Church  
15 Sykes Rd, Hickman, TN, US, 38567

**DEC** **Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ I recently became aware of Mr. Nixon's passing. He was a kind & caring person, especially to my Uncle Larry Ashley. He was one of my uncle's friends & took the time to travel to Hartsville to visit & take him things he would ask for after he had to move to assisted living from his home in Hickman. His friendship & kindness meant so much to our family.

**Debbie McDonald East** - February 08 at 10:13 PM

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“ Glenn and I would like to offer our thoughts and prayers to all the family of Mr. Clarence. I knew him thru Victor and Candice when we attended Gordonsville school and also as being our substitute mail carrier at one time. You will have many good memories to look back upon as little things will pop up from time to time that will remind you of something he said or did. . He is not far from you as he still lives in your hearts and memories.

Judy Young Bush

**Judy Young Bush** - January 03, 2018 at 10:46 PM

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“ When I was growing up, Mr. Clarence had this big bus that he would drive around and bring groceries to our house. I don't remember ever being allowed to go on the bus, but I knew it had great things on it. Later, when Mommy could drive, we would go to the store in Hickman and see Mr. Clarence and Mr. Ray. They treated us just like we were family and that meant the world to us. I remember standing in line to get my 2 scoop ice cream cone, chocolate marshmallow.....yummmmm! It was so good!!! If Mommy asked for something that she couldn't find on the shelf, or she needed "more" of, Mr. Clarence would always go to the back, through THE curtains (I always wanted to go back there...they seemed magical) and come out with whatever Mommy has asked for and put it on the counter. It took awhile to gather up all the groceries for our family. It took a lot to feed me and my brothers and sisters.

I remember at Christmas, we would always get those little white slips and we would spend hours putting names on them for the holiday drawing. We would always win something because we bought so many groceries during the year, it was hard for us not to win something....we had a lot of those slips in the barrel. Mommy would get oranges, apples, tangerines, walnuts, pecans....all the things to make pies and to have for snacks during Christmas. She would get big sacks of flour, for baking, and I couldn't wait to pull those two strings apart....that truly amazed me how someone could sew that together, and with just one little pull, it would come apart.....again truly amazing!

I will cherish those memories forever. Mr. Clarence and Mrs. Mary Etta were always very, very nice to us kids, and to my Mommy and Daddy. They treated everyone with respect and honor, and Mr. Clarence always had a smile on his face for everyone, no matter where you were from. He was one of the nicest men I will ever know. I will miss him dearly, as will all those who knew him.

Rest in Peace, Mr. Clarence. I love you.

Rita Randolph - December 18, 2017 at 07:27 PM

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“ Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Clarence Edward Nixon.



December 18, 2017 at 08:56 AM

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“ May God bless you all during the days ahead. May He guide your every step. It is such a blessing to know that there is a grand reunion one sweet day. He lived his life well!

**Nancy Winfree Lewis** - December 17, 2017 at 09:47 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clarence Edward Nixon.



December 15, 2017 at 06:25 PM