



Russell Gilmore Tarpley

August 6, 1928 - July 3, 2023

Russell Gilmore Tarpley, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on July 3, 2023, at the age of 94 at NHC Pulaski, TN. Born on August 6, 1928, he lived a remarkable life filled with love, family, and a passion for the outdoors.

Over the course of his 65-year marriage, which began on March 30, 1958, Gilmore and his wife, Marie Angus Tarpley, shared countless cherished memories. He and Marie opened their hearts and home and adopted three children, and cared for one foster child. Gilmore will forever be remembered as a devoted father and was honored with the title of Father of the Year in 1968. His dedication and love for his family knew no bounds.

A skilled entrepreneurial contractor for 54 years, he took great pride in his work. He was known for his craftsmanship and attention to detail. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing and gardening, finding solace and joy in the beauty of nature. He especially loved sharing his passions with his grandkids and great-grandkids, creating lasting bonds and teaching them valuable life lessons.

A visitation will be held on Friday, July 7th, 2023 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory.

The Funeral Service will take place on Saturday, July 8th, 2023 at 10:00am in the chapel of Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory.

The burial will take place in New Zion Cemetery in Pulaski, TN.

Gilmore is preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Virgie (Pinkleton) Tarpley, as well as his siblings; sisters Mary Fox, Edith Porter, and brother Tom Tarpley; and his daughter-in-law, Pamela Joy Tarpley.

He is survived by his wife, Marie, his sons, Gerald Wayne Tarpley and Scott Patrick Tarpley, and his daughter, Shannon Larhea (Donny) Porter.

Russell's memory will forever be cherished by his surviving grandchildren: Tabatha (Daniel) Berry, Misty (Jeremy) Jones, Lauren Porter, Brittney (Ryan) Halbrooks, and Caytlin Porter. He was also blessed with numerous great-grandchildren who brought him immense joy and laughter: Skylar (Katheryn), Steven, Cayden, Shelby, Addison, Jayden, Braxton, Ella, Mackenzie, Kayla, Xander, Brelynn, Willow, and Rowynn.

Many nieces and nephews also survive.

Cemetery Details

New Zion Cemetery

100 Williams Hollow Road
Pulaski, TN 38478

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

Bennett- May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory
1910 Elkton Pike
Pulaski, TN 38478

Funeral Service

JUL 8. 10:00 AM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

TW

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Tarpley were my Sunday School teachers when I was a child. While my memories all these years later are fuzzy, I recall both of them being kind, patient, and deeply interested in the lives of us kids. I give thanks to God for Mr. Tarpley's life and for the way he invested in the lives of people like me.*

Tommy Ward - July 13, 2023 at 12:42 PM

MC

“ *MIKE CHANDLER lit a candle in memory of Russell Gilmore Tarpley*



MIKE CHANDLER - July 08, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *272 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - July 07, 2023 at 03:41 PM

MK

“ *Max And Paula Kirk lit a candle in memory of Russell Gilmore Tarpley*



Max and Paula Kirk - July 06, 2023 at 10:40 PM

MW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for all of the family. Mary Ann Dale Wilson* ❤️

Mary Ann Wilson - July 05, 2023 at 09:58 PM

TB

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Toby Barrett - July 05, 2023 at 09:45 PM

LG

“ *Lori Gentry lit a candle in memory of Russell Gilmore Tarpley*



Lori Gentry - July 05, 2023 at 06:29 PM