



Elijah Kirven

March 12, 1918 - May 10, 2009

Our beloved Elijah Kirven("Kirby"),91,of Richmond, Virginia was born to Beulah Rouse and Luther Kirven on March 12,1918 in Darlington,South Carolina. The angels came and he went home to his Heavenly Father on May 10, 2009. He was preceded in death by his lovely and devoted wife of 36 years,Ethel J. Kirven and six siblings.Elijah was a decorated World War II veteran of the United States Army,and served as a scout and rifleman with Company G of the 371st Infantry Regiment in Italy. For his brave service,he was honored with a Good Conduct Medal,a World War II Victory Ribbon,European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon,and an American Theater Ribbon.He married Lena Fulton,now deceased and from that union there were three daughters. Later in life,he married Ethel Jackson and they reared five sons.Although his formal education stopped at the eighth grade,Elijah was a very intelligent man with good logic and reasoning skills and good common sense.Elijah was a master carpenter by trade,but could only get work as a carpenter's helper or construction laborer. Others took credit for the magnificent and masterful fruits of his labor. His oldest daughter,Mary,remembers him carving toys from wood for her to play with when she was a little girl.He was a tall,elegant gentleman with a great smile and a hearty laugh who took pride in his appearance and loved to wear hats. He also loved to walk and could often be seen strolling the streets of Church Hill and old downtown Richmond. He enjoyed stopping in for coffee and conversation with his buddies at the old Standard Drug Store on Broad Street and other establishments in the area.Kirby was a kind man who

lived his life by the Golden Rule. He was a baptized believer with an unwavering faith in God. Though born and raised in the Methodist Church, at age 85 his soul longed for a full immersion baptism and so, he joined Shiloh Baptist Church on Venable Street and was the oldest person ever to be baptized there. God has called him home. So we, who are left, will cherish the memories and hold them close in our hearts forever: three daughters, Mary Tucker (Fred), Ruby and Elizabeth Kirven; five sons, Howard, Larry (Jamet), Peter (Kimberly), Cornelius and Anthony (Cynthia) Jackson; 12 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, a host of other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Elijah Kirven*

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“ *I am truly sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that soon all those in the 'memorial tombs will hear Jesus' voice and come out! (John 5:28,29).##imported-begin##Kevin Jackson##imported-end##*

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“ *To the Kirven and Jackson family I am sorry to hear of yet another lost for your family. My prayers will be with you during this time.##imported-begin##Lynn Clayton-Prince (Cynthia Jackson's sister)##imported-end##*

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“ *To the Family, Please accept my condolences. Jesus has always demonstrated his love for man in the bible. May you be comforted by the love he showed when resurrecting his friend Lazarus at John 11:38-44. May these verses strenghten and encourage you at this time.##imported-begin##Mrs. Howard##imported-end##*

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“ To the Kirven Family, I just want to extend my sincerest sympathy to you and your family during the loss of your loved one. I pray that the love of Jesus Christ brings you peace and comfort during any difficult and lonely times. I also pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen and reassure you that all has been made well because of the love of God. Be Blessed and know that your fellow friends in Christ are praying for you and your family.##imported-begin##Teresa Hundley##imported-end##

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“ I wish to extend my condolences to you for the loss of Mr. Kirven. Acts 24:15 lovingly declares "There is going to be a resurrection". May you receive much comfort and strength from that wonderful resurrection hope and may draw closer to the ones responsible for it: Jehovah God and his only-begotten son Jesus Christ.##imported-begin##Mrs. Sharon Hill##imported-end##

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“ My deepest condolences to the Kirven and Jackson family in the homegoing of Father Kirven my prayers are forever with you.##imported-begin##Sherita Jackson Sharpe##imported-end##

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