



Jewell Martin "Jay" Coursey

July 26, 1928 - August 27, 2015

Jewell Martin "Jay" Coursey, age 87, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 6:26 AM, Thursday, August 27, 2015, at Lucy Smith King Care Center under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice.

Jay was born in Calvert City in 1928. He graduated from Central City High School in 1946. After high school he joined the United States Air Force. He served at Scott Air Force Base near St. Louis and worked in air transport. After his service in the Air Force, he worked in sales with Armour Packing Company. In 1960 he married Janie and they moved from Murfreesboro, TN to Henderson. There he opened Jay's Superette. In 1962 he went to work for the family business, Park Machine and Supply Company, where he stayed until he retired.

Jay was very involved in the community of Henderson. He was a longtime active member at First Baptist Church where he served as Trustee, Sunday School teacher, Treasurer, Deacon, Choir member and "chief door greeter". He also served in the Lions Club earning the Melvin Jones Lifetime Service Award. Jay was on the Board of Directors at the Salvation Army, where he received the Gaynor Howell Service Award. He was also a member of the Gideon's International. Jay was a square dance caller and teacher and loved to share his skills with the people of Henderson.

Papa Jay never met a stranger. He loved to laugh and always had a positive word to say. He got a kick out of giving kids high fives and giving them candy when their mommas weren't looking. His grandchildren were his greatest

interest; whether they were singing, dancing or playing sports he was there. He was a hard worker and treasured the love of his life Janie. He taught his sons to do the same. Papa Jay will be missed by many.

In addition to his parents Roy and Dona Coursey, Jay was preceded in death by his 3 brothers: Harold, Kenneth and Donald Coursey, and 1 sister Abadean Walters.

Survivors include:

Wife of 55 years: Janie Coursey Henderson, KY

2 Sons: Marty Coursey and wife Ellie Henderson, KY

Jeff Coursey and wife Audra Henderson, KY

4 Grandchildren: Jeremiah Coursey, Lily Coursey, Katelin Coursey, Marty Coursey, Jr.

Relatives and friends are invited to Jay's Life Celebration from 2:00 PM-8:00PM Saturday at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home and again on Sunday starting at 2:00 PM at First Baptist Church. The funeral service will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, August 30, 2015 at the church with Reverend Todd Linn, PhD officiating. Burial will follow at Fairmont Cemetery in Henderson, KY.

Military honors will be rendered by the American Legion Worsham Post #40.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to: First Baptist Church, Salvation Army, Gideon's International or St. Anthony's Hospice.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home, online condolences may be made at www.bentonglunt.com

Cemetery Details

Fairmont Cemetery

Henderson
KY 42420

Previous Events

Life Celebration

AUG **29**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home
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Life Celebration

AUG **30**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church

2:00 P.M. Tuesday May 8, 2018 Funeral Service

AUG **30**. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jewell Martin "Jay" Coursey*



Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - August 28, 2015 at 02:30 PM



“ *Jewell Martin "Jay" Coursey*

November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *My thoughts & prayers are with the family.
jay was a wonderful man and you always saw his light shine for the Lord.*

Lori Bumgardner - August 30, 2015 at 12:33 PM

WD

“ When I first met Jay after marrying into the family, who was a cousin of my wife (née Suzanne Hart), he immediately made me feel comfortable and welcomed. Years later he was still willing and wanting to help us in matters that made our residential distance difficult to resolve.

The thing I remember most was how easy he found to meet and get to know people who he just met. He and Janie visited us in northern Michigan and the next morning he went into the small coffee shop where a couple of the regulars, after hearing the accent, immediately said that he must be the guy who "owned the car with the KY plates up on 2nd St." Some might become a bit suspicious or defensive but we found it amusing that he told us how he spent about an hour or so talking to some nice guys over coffee.

Jay always seemed so comfortable whether walking in Henderson or in another small town 700 miles away. A loss for the family and his community.

Wayne T. Dees - August 29, 2015 at 08:43 AM

TC

“ As I grow older, I realize how important the wake our life leaves behind. Jay Coursey's wake touched so many lives. While my time in Jay's wake was only for a few years, he certainly lifted me as I saw him lift so many others.

God bless the Coursey family and all those dear friends this man touched.

Tom Cox

Tom Cox - August 29, 2015 at 08:26 AM

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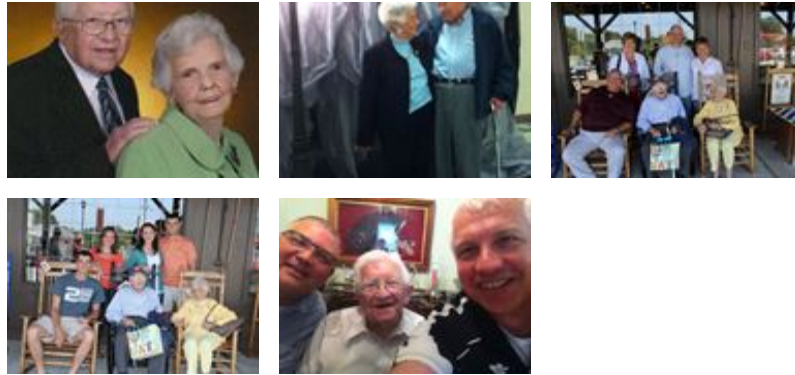
“ Thanks you Jay for the man you were. We love and know you as true friend. We thank you for the help you gave our family when mother and dad were both sick> Jay was always there to help. Was very shock of hearing of Jay's passing. Ellie , I know that we will keep your family in our prays! I hope Jamie is all right from this!



Tom Stokes - August 28, 2015 at 02:57 PM



“ 53 files added to the album Life Tributes



Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - August 28, 2015 at 02:10 PM

JA

“ To the Coursey Family: I am sorry to hear about Jay's death. It is never easy to deal with the death of a loved one no matter their age at the time of Jay's death. It is times like this that make us look forward to when God will remove the threat of death from the earth (Isaiah 25:8).

Jason - August 27, 2015 at 08:25 PM