



## Mr. James Orvel Kimberly

June 30, 1930 - June 5, 2012

Graveside services with military honors for James Orvel Kimberly, 81, of Piedmont, will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Highland Cemetery with Dr. Edward Blackwelder officiating. The family will receive friends at the cemetery from 10:30 - 11 a.m. Mr. Kimberly passed away Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at Piedmont Health Care Center. Survivors include his sister-in-law: Sherian Kimberly; two nieces, Kristi Kimberly and Vicki Matthews; one nephew, Brian Sanford; and several great nieces and nephews. Mr. Kimberly was a native and lifelong resident of Piedmont. He was a corporal in the United States Army, was a Korean War veteran and was the recipient of a Korean Service Medal with four bronze stars. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Luella Kimberly and a brother, George Mac Kimberly. In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials to the D.A.V., American Legion or V.F.W.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I don't remember ever not knowing J.O. He and I worked together for several years and soon learned that we shared a common interest in reading history. Even after I left Piedmont for college he and I met regularly to talk about what we had read and swap books.

Several months ago J.O. accepted Jesus Christ as his Personal Savior. My wife and I were standing next to his nursing home bed when I recited the Sinner's Prayer and he repeated it. I noticed a tear come to his eye as I pinned a Jesus First pin onto his gown.

I am humbled and honored to have been asked to conduct J. O.'s funeral service and will do the very best that I can. Don't be surprised if a tear or two come to my eyes.

I know that our tears of sorrow will eventually turn to smiles of remembrance. I shall never forget "my buddy."

God be with each of you.

Eddie Blackwelder, Th.D., BCPC

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