



Dr. John R. Kirkpatrick

July 7, 1929 - December 23, 2016

Services for Dr. John R. Kirkpatrick, 87, of Piedmont will be Monday, December 26, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at Thompson Funeral Home with Dr. Mickey Morgan and Chaplain David Bolin officiating. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery. The family will receive friends Monday from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Dr. Kirkpatrick passed away Friday, December 23, 2016 at his home. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Eleanor Kirkpatrick; son, John Kirkpatrick, Jr. (Elaine) of Prattville; daughter, Harriet Kirkpatrick Pope (Garry) of Rainbow City; four grandchildren, Scott Kirkpatrick (Amy) of Vestavia Hills, Neil Kirkpatrick of Atlanta, Ga., Morgan Harris (Colton) of Jacksonville, and Kirk Pope of Tuscaloosa; three great grandchildren, Will Kirkpatrick, John Pierce Kirkpatrick, and Grace Kirkpatrick; one sister, Linda Fagan of Piedmont; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Garry Pope, Kirk Pope, Colton Harris, Scott Kirkpatrick, Neil Kirkpatrick, and Arnold Young. Honorary Pallbearers will be the Frank Wofford Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church of Piedmont. Dr. Kirkpatrick was a native and lifelong resident of Piedmont. He was a graduate of Piedmont High School where he was an avid sportsman. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Jacksonville State University and his doctorate from the University of Alabama. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a teacher, coach and principal for 13 years and served as superintendent of Piedmont City Schools for 17 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of

Piedmont for 60 years where he was a member of the choir and was the teacher of the Frank Wofford Sunday School Class. He was a former member of the Piedmont Lions Club, the Piedmont Jaycees, the Alabama Education Association and was an honorary member of the Piedmont High School Blue Knights Band. He was preceded in death by his parents and several brothers and sisters. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. John Kirkpatrick Scholarship Fund at Piedmont High School or the First United Methodist Church of Piedmont. The family would like to thank New Beacon Hospice, Home Helpers of Jacksonville and the First United Methodist Church of Piedmont for all of their love, care and support.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Kirkpatrick family.*

Dr. Edward Blackwelder - June 20, 2018 at 03:37 PM

KW

“ *Please accept my condolences for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather. Dr. Kirkpatrick was my sixth grade teacher, my principal, my superintendent, and later, my boss when I taught school for the Piedmont School System. A great man who leaves an even greater legacy, he touched many lives and will be forever remembered.*

Kathy Snead Waldrop - June 20, 2018 at 03:37 PM

JC

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. We have many fond memories of time spent with Jerk and his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.*

Jimmy and Deborah Conner - June 20, 2018 at 03:37 PM

DP

“ *Yours is such a special family to me. We are all so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers in place for you.*

Danna Paslay - June 20, 2018 at 03:37 PM

SA

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Kirkpatrick. He was instrumental in my career in education. He treated me like a daughter during the years I worked for him. I have always cherished my memories of those early days. Praying for the family.*

Sharon Anderson - June 20, 2018 at 03:37 PM