



Mr. Lee Kirkpatrick,

July 18, 1923 - February 15, 2011

Ira Lee Kirkpatrick Jr., 87, a life-long resident of Noxapater, Mississippi, died February 15, 2011.

Born July 18, 1923, he was a grandson of Dr. and Mrs. T. F. Kilpatrick of Noxapater and Mr. and Mrs. John Kirkpatrick of the Campground Community. His parents were Algy Myrtle Kilpatrick Kirkpatrick and Ira Kirkpatrick Sr. Brothers, Joe Davis and James Woodward, and sister, Nancy McBrayer, also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Lucille Graham Kirkpatrick; his son, Ira Lee III (Sharon) of McDonough, Georgia.; daughter, Lillian (Joseph) Mirando, of Ponchatoula, Louisiana; three grandchildren, Lucy Mirando of Los Angeles, California; Lisa Kirkpatrick (Jantsen Haney) of Morrow, Georgia., and Navy Airman Aaron Kirkpatrick of the USS WASP at Norfolk, Virginia; a sister, Ann Fulton of Brandon, Mississippi; nieces, nephews and countless family and friends of the church, the community and others whose lives he touched.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was a retired educator, farmer and World War II veteran. His first teaching appointment was at Shuqualak. He taught at Noxapater High School from 1951 to 1988 and was a faithful member of Noxapater Baptist Church, where he had served as a deacon, taught Sunday School, led the Royal Ambassadors, kept the nursery with his wife, served on the outreach

team and was a prayer warrior. He helped organize the Christian Ministry Center and volunteered as an associate leader.

As a youth, he worked as a clerk at the Noxapater Drugstore and played football for Noxapater, East Central Community College and Southern Mississippi.

In 1942-45, he served valiantly with the 104th Division, 414 Regiment, 1st Battalion Company A (Timberwolf) in the march across Europe. He witnessed the bombing of Cologne and participated in the Battle of the Bulge, the fighting in the Ardenne Forest, the crossing of the Rohr, the liberation of Nordhausen concentration camp and the meeting of the US troops with the Russians outside Hallee, Germany. He was discharged January 15, 1945.

After the war, he earned a bachelor's degree at Southern Mississippi, master's in business education and counseling from Mississippi College and specialist degrees in education and psychology from Mississippi State. He also furthered his education at the University of Alabama.

He taught history, bookkeeping and typing many years at Noxapater and had served as yearbook adviser and coach.

He enjoyed tent camping and took his family to many interesting places in our beautiful country. He and his wife traveled extensively after their retirement. They enjoyed attending Ridgecrest and Gulf Shore Baptist Assemblies.

Well-known for his love of the garden, he shared tomatoes, cornmeal and other vegetables with friends all over the country. He and his wife dressed as Santa and Mrs. Claus for the Noxapater Christmas parade many years.

He led a reunion for his immediate family every Thanksgiving, and he never

missed a Kilpatrick reunion.

Visitation will be at Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, Louisville, Thursday, February 17, 2011, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Friday, February 18, at Noxapater Baptist Church from 10 a.m. until the funeral at 11 a.m. followed by burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Noxapater.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Mt. Carmel Cemetery fund in care of Noxapater Baptist Church, Noxapater, Mississippi. You may sign the guest register at www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Lee Kirkpatrick,*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *What a blessing to have known "Coach Kirk" for practically my entire life. I and so many others bear his fingerprints on our lives. He taught us much more than just history and government. He taught us respect and what it means to be a responsible citizen. He will be greatly missed in Noxapater and far beyond.*

I will be praying for Mrs. Lucille and all the rest of your family.

Rev. Jeffery S. Gardner - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ *Dallie,*
It is my pleasure to have been a part of your wonderful family. I hated to hear that Lee had passed away, but we know where he is and that we will see him again soon. I know that it is a terrible loss for you. I just pray that you will let Jesus comfort you as only He can do.

Sincerely,

Linda

John 14:1-6

Linda Rutland - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM

MC

“ You have the sympathy of the entire Cotton family for the recent loss of Mr. Lee. He is now working in the vineyard for the Lord. His legacy will live on through all of his many Christian friends and relatives. With love and prayers. The Cotton's

Malcolm & Wanda Cotton - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM

BB

“ Aunt Cille, Lil and Khaki
So sorry he hear about Uncle Ira Lee's death. He was a special man-I remember him from my childhood with fond memories! I read his obit and smiled to hear all of the amazing things God allowed him to accomplish in his life. What a wonderful legacy he left for all of us.
We love you and our prayers are with you, Beth and family

Beth Bowman - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM