



Ward Sayre Oakley, Sr.

August 6, 1923 - August 8, 2013

Major Ward Sayre Oakley, Sr., Retired – Age 90 of Hendersonville. He was born August 6, 1923 in Passaic, NJ, and died August 8, 2013 in Nashville, TN. He was a retired Major with the U.S. Army, serving in the 187th Airborne, Rakkasans with a full military career of 20 years, 1 month, and 25 days during WWII and the Korean War. He received numerous awards including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, American Campaign Medal, the Army Occupation Medal (Japan), 60/s Bars, Korean Service Medal, the Parachutist Badge, Senior Parachutist, Master Parachutist Badge, Glider Badge, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, the Certificate of Achievement, and was a member of the Championship U.S. Army Match Pistol Team. Later in life he was devoted to civic organizations such as the BSA, Civitan Club, and attended the First Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville. Preceded in death by his wife, Leone Thompson Oakley; brother, Richard Oakley. He is survived by his sons, Richard S. Oakley, Dr. Ward S. Oakley, Jr. (Nancy), and Charles T. Oakley (Gail); daughters, Suzanne O. Sevier (Dick) and Nancy O. Robinson (Gale); 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; sister, Dr. Elizabeth Oakley Garrett (John). Visitation at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home Sunday from 2-4pm. Private Graveside service with full Military Honors at Middle-TN State Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Hendersonville Public Library, 140 Saundersville Rd. Hendersonville, TN 37075. PHILLIPS-ROBINSON FUNERAL HOME, 2707 Gallatin Rd. 262-3312. Family Owned

and Operated Since 1929.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ward Sayre Oakley, Sr.*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *To the entire Oakley family, you have my heartfelt condolences. It was such a pleasure to have known Mr. and Mrs. Oakley as a child going to school at Byrns Darden with Rick and Ward and then re-connecting again with them after I moved to Hendersonville many years ago. My friend, Doug Quick also sends his condolences. Hugs,
Annette Hoffman Tinnin*

Annette Hoffman Tinnin - August 11, 2013 at 07:22 PM



“ *We are so sorry for the passing of Mr. Oakley. We pray for the Lord's comfort at this time.*

Melinda and Bill Sevier - August 11, 2013 at 05:11 PM



“ *To the Oakley Family....you have Don and my deepest sympathy. Ward and my sister Leone had a wonderful life together and raised a wonderful, wonderful family. Our thoughts are with you. Wish we could have been there. Uncle Don and Aunt Judy*

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