



Carlos E. Kays

June 18, 1929 - October 17, 2015

Carlos E. Kays, age 86, of Eldon, passed away Saturday, October 17, 2015, at the Good Shepherd Care Center. He was born June 18, 1929, in Wayham, Missouri, the son of the late Willie and Eula (Howser) Kays.

Carlos had an academic background which included a BS degree in wildlife biology and chemistry from Central Missouri State University and a MS from Louisiana State University, where he was an assistant for a marshland ecology research project. He taught a high school science course for one year before serving as a commissioned officer on a tour or as active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1951 to 1954. He then participated in the Coast Guard Reserve program until 1971, when, with the rank of commander, he transferred to the inactive reserve, having completed all the requirements for retirement except age. His last active assignment in the reserves was as the commanding officer of the Louisville, Kentucky Coast Guard Reserve Training Unit. Carlos was employed by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources for his civilian career. He served as assistant commissioner for ten years and was promoted to commissioner, serving for ten years until his retirement in 1985.

He served on the board at the Eldon Senior Citizens Center, where he enjoyed dining and visiting with his many friends.

He is survived by numerous cousins with whom he had a close relationship.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 20th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Pastor Everett Rayl officiating. Graveside services and interment with full military honors will follow in the Union Cemetery in Rocky Mount. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Barnett Baptist Church.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

OCT 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My former neighbor, my forever friend. Sadly missed....*



Stephanie Hibdon - October 20, 2015 at 12:06 PM

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“ *Carlos ---what a kind man! We always enjoyed hearing about the early days of the lake as we visited with his roommate at Good Shepherd. Carlos was always in good spirits and remained cheerful even on painful days. He was a blessing to us.*

*John and Nancy Welsh
Sunrise Beach, Mo.*

john welsh - October 20, 2015 at 10:33 AM