

Obituary of James W. Kingsley

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Retired from Union Carbide:

James W. Kingsley, 78, of Oak Ridge, died Monday, September 3, 2001, at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Born August 26, 1923, in Kent, Ohio, he was the son of Robert and Anna Houser Kingsley. He was the youngest of nine children.

His family lived in Meigs County for several years, but he returned to Ohio during his high school years. He graduated from Shaker Heights High School in Cleveland, Ohio. He then attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, which later became Tennessee

Technological University, in Cookeville, Tennessee.

World War II interrupted his college days, and Mr. Kingsley joined the United States Army for three years. He was a military police officer and served in several areas of the European Theater during this time.

After the war, Mr. Kingsley returned to college at Tennessee Tech. He graduated in 1950, and that same year, he and his wife, Nan (Denny) Kingsley, who survives him, were married. The couple would have celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on September 29th.

Mr. Kingsley first worked at Wilson Sporting Goods in Cookeville, but when friends went to Oak Ridge to apply for jobs, he went along. He applied and was hired at Union Carbide Nuclear Division. After 30 years of working as an engineer at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Oak Ridge K- 25 site and the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant, he retired.

After retirement, he was asked to work as a consultant for Boeing in Oak Ridge. He later owned and operated Kingsley Carpet Connection.

He enjoyed woodworking, reading and fishing. Mr. Kingsley was always actively involved in church work and he was an active member of Heritage Fellowship of Oak Ridge when his health allowed.

For many years he was a coordinator for the Lay Witness Missions traveling over several Southeastern states to lead weekend revival missions for the Methodist Church. His family said he loved telling about his faith to anyone who would listen.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Kingsley is survived by four children: His daughter, Pamela K. Keay and her husband, William R. Seay II, of Lanesville, IN, and three sons, James Denny Kingsley and his wife Patticia L. Beckler, of Fairfield, TX, Jeffrey Edward Kingsley and his wife, Evely J. DeHart of Murfreesboro, Tennessee and Eric W. Kingsley of Manchester, KY.

He is also survived by seven grandchildren, William Rives Seay III and Sara Elizabeth Seay, both students at Purdue University, Kendra Denise Kingsley, who attends Texas A & M University, Jillian Claire Kingsley and Weston Clark Kingsley, both of Fairfield, Seaman Melissa Sue Kingsley, serving with the U.S. Navy in Rota, Spain, and Christopher Roy Kingsley of Murfreesboro; and one sister, Harriet Kingsley Michaels (Mrs. Glenn) of Rossville, GA.

The funeral will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, September 6, in the chapel of Weatherford Mortuary. The Rev. James Bandy, the Rev. Walter Willis, the Rev. Ed Denham and the Rev. Fred Garmon will officiate.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, September 7, at Anderson Memorial Gardens, 640 Oliver Springs Highway, Clinton, Tennessee.

The family requests that any memorials be in the form of donations to a charity of the donor's choice.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary.