



## Sidney M. Kennedy

January 30, 1930 - October 24, 2014

Mr. Sidney M. Kennedy, 84, of Wynne, passed away Friday, October 24, 2014 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Sidney was born in Hunter, Arkansas, on January 30, 1930 to Samuel Elliott Kennedy and Grace Steed Kennedy Combe. He was a retired school administrator, first working for Moro School District in 1954 as the youngest Superintendent in the State of Arkansas. He then worked for McCrory, Tuckerman, Gosnell, Palestine, Cross County, Grubbs and Armored School Districts. President Jimmy Carter asked Mr. Kennedy to be United States Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. Mr. Kennedy served his country during the Korean War in the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Wynne and a 32nd Degree Mason.

Sidney was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Elliott Kennedy and Grace Steed Combe; brothers, Sam E. Kennedy, Jr; Clyde G. Kennedy; Norman E. Kennedy and sister, Lyda Bess Pierce.

He is survived by his wife, Minola C. Kennedy of Wynne; sons, Craig Kennedy of Cherry Valley; Eric Kennedy of Colt; Ben B. Nguyen of Fort Washakie, WY; Bernard Chen of Springfield, VA; daughters, Marla K. Newman of Fredericksburg, VA; and Brigitte B. Bartels of Jonesboro; sister, Anne Young of North Little Rock; and 14 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Wednesday at 10 AM at First United Methodist Church with services following at 11 AM. Burial will follow in Hunter, Arkansas.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church or Bridge of Hope Children's Home, P.O. Box 123, Vanndale, AR 72387.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Wynne  
800 Falls Blvd  
Wynne, AR 72396

## Funeral service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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800 Falls Blvd  
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## burial

OCT **29** (CT)

Hunter

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ I will always remember Sidney Kennedy from his time at Grubbs. I was a student who worked at the school in the summer. He was always around helping us. I still remember him working on the water lines up to his knees in mud. You won't see many superintendents doing that. He told me once that I would make a great counselor one day. He was close. I became a teacher. I thought the world of him. God bless the family!  
Martha Critcher Pelley

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**Martha Critcher** - October 30, 2014 at 08:13 PM

KR

“ To all the family,  
I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Kennedy. I remember each of you well during your time at Grubbs School. May God give you peace during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless each of you!  
Kathy Critcher Ray  
Class of 78

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**Kathy Critcher Ray** - October 29, 2014 at 10:35 AM

BH

“ Mrs. Kennedy we are so sorry about Mr. Kennedy. We pray God lifts you, Craig and the rest of the family up and gives you comfort and peace now and in the days ahead. Bobby and Donna Hampton

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**Bobby and Donna Hampton** - October 28, 2014 at 07:23 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Sidney M. Kennedy.*



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October 28, 2014 at 04:41 PM



“ *Thinking of you all. Many hugs and prayers .*



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**Angie Goodwin Lewallen** - October 28, 2014 at 09:54 AM



“ *Minola, I am so very sorry to read of Sidney`s death. My prayers are with you and your family. Toliece Ferguson Dean*

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**Toliece Dean** - October 28, 2014 at 08:43 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sidney M. Kennedy.*



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October 27, 2014 at 08:39 PM

DG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Mrs. Kennedy and family. Mr. Kennedy was Superintendent at Wheatley High School in Wheatley, AR where I attended for 12 years. He was my very favorite Superintendent ever. RIP MR. Kennedy.*

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**Debbie Gilliam** - October 27, 2014 at 07:08 PM

RJ

“ *Minola and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love Rhonda*



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**Rhonda James** - October 27, 2014 at 11:10 AM