



# **E. Kersh Walters**

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**O**n the morning of March 15, 2022, Kersh Walters, Grandfather, peacefully fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, surrounded by family, at his home in Goodlettsville, Tennessee. He was 91 years of age.

Elbert Kersh Walters, Jr. was born August 19, 1930, in Magee, Mississippi to Elbert Kersh Walters and Gladys Cornelia Styron. He was preceded in death by his parents and his younger brother, Paul Walters; he is survived by his younger sister, Mary Kesler; his wife of 29 years, Judith Jean Turner Peterson Walters; his two biological children, Elbert Kersh Walters, III (“Trip”) born February 21, 1955 and Sandy Sue Walters, born October 9, 1956, both of whom reside in California; his stepson Jeffrey Linn Peterson and his wife Shelly Lynn Peterson; and their children, twins Ashley Nicole Atwood, and her husband, Andrew Curtis Atwood and Austin Michael Peterson, and his wife Samantha Gail Peterson.

Kersh attended Mississippi State University and received a BS in Business Management in 1952. Shortly thereafter, he joined the US Air Force during the Korean War and received 3 medals for his service. Upon his Honorable Discharge, he began a career as an executive in marketing and advertising in radio at various stations, moving frequently, and then became Vice President/co-founder of KIIS Broadcasting Workshop in Los Angeles and the Columbia School of Broadcasting.

In 1988, while living in Omaha, Nebraska and working as the National Marketing Director for SilentRADIO, Kersh was introduced to Judy by mutual friends, Bruce and Elma Hart. A short time later, he moved to Portland, Oregon to take a position as Vice President with DAT Services and Judy followed shortly thereafter...

After 4 years of dating, on January 2, 1993, in the presence of friends and family, Judy and Kersh were married in the home of Dick and Doris Denny in Dallas, Texas. They began their married life in Portland and stayed through 1999, when Kersh took a transfer to DAT’s only other



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corporate office located in Brentwood, where they could be close to their grandchildren, Ashley and Austin.

Kersh retired a few years later and pursued his passion for helping others at various church and community organizations, including the Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist church, the “403 Center” (a help center in Madison where he served for a time as Executive Director, as Chairman, and in various volunteer positions); the start-up Madison Medical Clinic for the working poor; and his HOA board among others. In addition to his significant time volunteering, he enjoyed his grandchildren, family gatherings, golfing and visiting. He will be sorely missed by his many friends, family, and the countless people he touched in our community.

Services will be held this Saturday, March 19, at the Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist Church located at 607 Larkin Springs Road, Madison, TN, with visitation at 2:00 p.m. and a service at 3:00 p.m. A celebration of life will be held in the fellowship hall following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Kersh Walters to the Adventist Community Center (“403 Center”), 403 Gallatin Pike S., Madison, TN 37115.

Those that wish to view the webcasted service may follow the link below to the church's website:  
<https://www.madisoncampus.org/>

To view the tribute slideshow click the link below:  
<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/JDZQXQXJSW985XK2>




# Events

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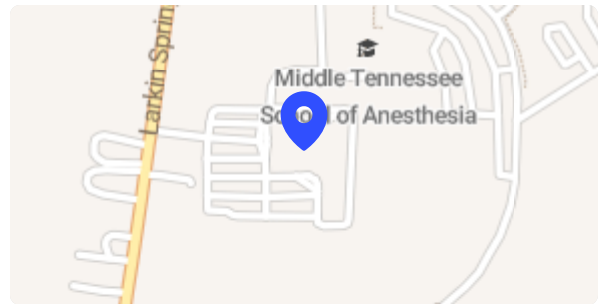
## Visitation

 **Saturday**, March 19, 2022


 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT


 **Madison Campus Seventh Day Adventist Church**

607-B Larkin Springs Road, Madison TN 37115



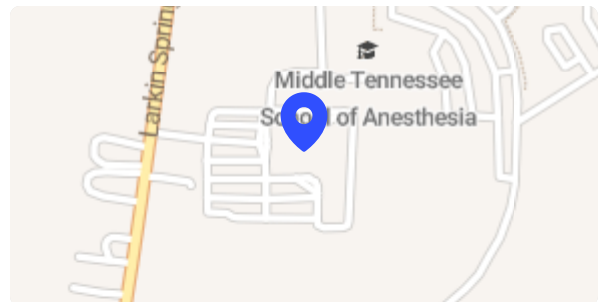
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**Spring Hill Funeral Home And Cemetery** shared a **Video**.



March 18 at 10:07 AM



**Wade And Melissa Scott** March 19 at 7:15 AM

Beautiful! 😭



**Charles, Jen And Grace.** posted:

We are so saddened for the loss of such a great man. Kersh could always light up any room or event he was present at. He was such a carrying and loving individual who really had a passion for enjoying every moment with friends and family. We are truly lucky to have all the wonderful memories of time spent with him and the rest of the family. He had the ability to make everything we did together just that much better. For the past 25 plus years we are blessed to have known him. Some of our fondest memories are sharing our Christmas's with him. He was always such a great sport in playing Santa Clause for all the kids in the family or participating in yearly Christmas talent show just to get laughs and have fun. Kersh, we love you dearly and will miss you, we are lucky to have all the wonderful memories of our times together as a family and have you as part of it.

March 19 at 2:38 PM



**Wade And Melissa Scott** posted:

I have known Kersh and his wife now for a few years. He was always sweet and kind to me and made me feel at home whenever I was in their home. He had a million dollars smile that would light up a room. From what I knew about him over the years he was always going and doing as long as he could and appeared that he lived his best life while he could. He will be missed and we will be thinking about his wife Mrs. Judy and his and her family. Your Neighbors Wade and Melissa Scott

March 18 at 8:15 AM



**Mary Allee** posted:

So sorry for your loss, cousin Judy. I only got to meet Kersh one time, but he was very hospitable and we had a great visit with you and him. My brothers, Wes, Loren, and Clyde and I send our condolences and prayers to you. Cousin Mary Kay

March 16 at 3:03 PM



# Media

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Join us in honoring E. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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