



Ben O'Kelley

September 21, 2009

Seneca, SC—Ben O'Kelley, 84, husband of the late Annie Mae Duncan O'Kelley, of 501 Rackley Alley, Seneca, SC, died Monday, September 21, 2009, at his home.

A native of Walhalla, Mr. O'Kelley was the son of the late Dewitt and Elizabeth Bryant O'Kelley. He was an auto body repairman for Cobb's Body Shop. Mr. O'Kelley was a US Army veteran of WWII.

Mr. O'Kelley is survived by daughters, Shelby Jordan and Pat Whitfield, both of Seneca; sister, Rosalee Townsend of Seneca, three grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. O'Kelley was predeceased by brothers, John, Riley and Bill O'Kelley; and sisters, Josephine O'Kelley and Catherine Towe.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 24, 2009 from the Chapel of Davenport Funeral Home, Walhalla, with burial to follow in Oconee Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 10:00-11:00 a.m., Thursday prior to the service.

The family is at their respective homes.

Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to OMC Hospice of The Foothills, attn: Foundation Office, 298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29672.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ben O'Kelley*

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“ *True friend & co-worker who had shown tremendous patience w/me while teaching me the craft.He loved his wife & family greatly.Ben appreciated the "old school" look of the older cars & trucks & even the old Harley Davidson of which he owned a 1964 Police Special-"74"series.It wasn't uncommon to see Ben driving a pink 1959 Cadillac Coupe de Ville,a 1955 Pontiac, a1957 Pontiac,a 1955 Chevy,or the bronze 1953 Chevy 5 window pickup truck back in the 70's.His love of humor & friendship followed him wherever & whenever you met him.I worked with Ben since I was about 13 years old-still remember his jokes-his pipe-his pencil style mustache & the Elvis styled sideburns.Most of all I remember the hard work & dedication he provided for our family's body shop.I was certainly much too heartbroken to attend Ben's services & this I ask for forgiveness.Spoke to Ben on his most recent birthday in Feburary & caught up on a lot of stuff.It was my pleasure to have known a WW II veteran who suffered a back injury while carrying a tripod for a machine gun up a rock mountain in the Po Valley -Italy.He worked all those years without filing a claim w/the VA.Can hear him now playing his Martin guitar,the song-Yellow Rose of Texas.Great memories...Tim Cobb....*

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“ PAT AND SHELBY OUR HEART FEELS FOR YOUR LOSS AT THIS TIME AS GOD LIFTS BEN TO GLORY IN HEAVEN.

I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT BEING THERE WITH YOU. THE DOCTOR WANTS ME TO REFRAIN FROM CROWDS BECAUSE WE HAVE TO TAKE LITTLE SAM FOR MAJOR OPERATION FIRST PART OF OCTOBER.

TONS OF MEMORIES WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE.

WE WILL REMEMBER YOU IN OUR PRAYERS.

A MEMORIAL WILL BE SENT TO HOSPICE IN MEMORY OF BEN.##imported-begin##JOE COBB##imported-end##

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“ I worked with Ben at Cobb's Body Shop in Seneca back in 1977-78 before joining the Air Force, where I served for 21 years. Ben was quite helpful to me as a youngster, and I have many fond memories of him. He was always helpful and pleasant and made a young boy's early workdays a pleasure.

Now, I'm about the age Ben was when he "mentored" me -- I hope I work as well with young people as he did with me those many years ago.

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