



## David Sherfey Deakins

October 25, 1949 - October 23, 2020

David Sherfey Deakins, 70, of the Sulphur Springs Community, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, October 23, 2020 at the Holston Valley Medical Center. David was born to the late Argil and Doris (Hardin) Deakins.

David was a member of Sulphur Springs Untied Methodist Church. He was a retired dairy and tobacco farmer and partner of Highland Farm and Deakins Brothers Milk Hauling.

David never met a stranger and could tell a story like no one else. He was an antiques collector and loved cooking Sunday dinners for his family. David truly leaves behind the legacy of a man who loved everyone he meet and he loved to see people laugh.

In addition to his parents David is preceeded in death by his sister, Sandra Arcidiacono; and brother, Richard Deakins.

Survivors include his brother, Argil "Bovie" Deakins III (Becky Campbell); sister, Judy Jones; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

For those who would like to pay their respects and register their presents David will lie in state in The Sunset Chapel of Tetrick Funeral Services in Johnson City on Sunday October 25, 2020 from 1:00pm-4:00pm. The Deakins family will honor David's life with a Graveside Service on Monday October 26, 2020 at Sulphur Springs Cemetery beginning at 11:00am with Rev. Dr. David Tully officiating. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

The Deakins family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Home Health, Dr. Rachel Monderer, and David's caretakers, his loving brother Bovie Deakins and nieces Teri Pierce, Cristy Brittin, and Heather Osborne.

Memories and condolences can be shared with the Deakins family by visiting [www.tetrickfuneralhome.com](http://www.tetrickfuneralhome.com). Tetrick Funeral Services 3001 Peoples St. Johnson City, TN 37604 is in charge of the arrangements. (423) 610-7171

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Sulphur Springs Cemetery**

Sulphur Springs, TN,

**OCT  
25**

**Visitation**

01:00PM - 04:00PM

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Tetrick Funeral Services

3001 Peoples Street, Johnson City, TN, US, 37604

**OCT  
26**

**Graveside Service and Interment** 11:00AM

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Sulphur Springs Cemetery

Sulphur Springs, TN, US

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Tetrick Funeral** - October 24, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ Throughout elementary and high school, David was always the fun-loving kid and sometimes being caught in some embarrassing situations, and his face would turn so red. David was a person who could be trusted. Later, as we planned class reunions, David entertained us with some of the funniest stories. I believe he could have done as well as some of the storytellers in Jonesborough. We will miss you, old classmate,

**karen b. snyder** - October 24, 2020 at 11:22 PM



“ David was a honest hard worker and friend.RIP David.He was smart and funny

**Sheila Hashbarger** - October 26, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ Bovie, Becky and Judy , I am so sorry for your loss. David was a wonderful person as were all the Deakins that I knew. I am so sorry for your loss.

Love,  
Susie Hawkins Rutledge

**Susie Rutledge** - October 28, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ My dear Deakins cousins and family. I am very sorry for your loss of David. I am so sorry to have missed the visitation. Know that you are all in my heart and prayers. Whenever I think of David, the memories flood back of his beaming smile, his humor and his loving kindness. Some of my favorite childhood memories are my visits to Aunt Blanche's house with all of you there. David was a bright light and so warm and welcoming to all. I know you miss him dearly. All my love to you.

**Sharon Squibb** - November 02, 2020 at 08:45 PM

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“ I met David 9 years ago with my parents, Bill & Virginia Kennedy. David spent an afternoon showing us that amazing house, which he loved so much, and telling us many stories about the family and the former dairy operation. As we visited and called over the years I was saddened to see his health decline, and regret not being in touch more. He was deeply rooted and cherished his family's history, but he was also open and curious, a real people person, funny and kind. I'm so grateful to have known him just a little.

**Paul Kennedy** - October 26, 2020 at 09:44 PM

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“ We are very sorry for your loss. He will be dearly missed.

Prayers for your family!

Norma Good, Dwayne, Terri & Dustin Fleenor



**Terri Fleenor** - October 26, 2020 at 12:28 PM

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“ David was a very friendly and caring human being.



**Irene Pierce** - October 25, 2020 at 08:56 PM

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“ Whenever you were around David you couldn't help but have a smile on your face and a good feeling in your heart. He was always kind and gracious to everyone who knew him. He will be greatly missed, especially by his friends and family. Love and prayers to each of you from Mark and Kathy Shelton.

**Kathy Shelton** - October 25, 2020 at 12:19 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Tetrick Funeral** - October 25, 2020 at 11:36 AM

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“ Leonard and Patricia Arcidiacono purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of David Sherfey Deakins.



**Leonard and Patricia Arcidiacono** - October 25, 2020 at 10:58 AM

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**Tetrick Funeral** - October 24, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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“ I have known David a long time through my work with Fred Brandt. He was a funny guy who could keep you in stitches at times. He would talk about cooking Thanksgiving meals and made my mouth water. I know he will be missed. I saw David a few months before I retired and I know he was not well. I am very sorry for your loss. I will keep your family in my prays.

Joann McQueen



Joann McQueen - October 24, 2020 at 08:57 AM



“ I'm sorry that We can not be there this week especially for you Bovie and Deb. We have friends coming from Maine tomorrow. We both loved David and it was a treat anytime we got to see him. He will be missed by many! Praying for you all!

mark greene - October 24, 2020 at 11:12 PM



“ Joann, thank you so much for your kind words. I can tell you got the gist of who David was- his wit and his cooking! He was a such a blessing and will definitely be missed.

Thank you,  
The Deakins Family

Teri Pierce - October 24, 2020 at 11:57 PM



“ To all the Deakins family, David and I were good friends, as well as all of his family. We had many good times and laughs together. I called him recently and he discussed me bringing him home from an ETSU football game. He would never forget that trip! David was a good friend and I will always remember him as a smart and good person. May God give all of you peace in this time of sadness. Willie and Judy Hilbert

Willie and Judy Hilbert - October 23, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ Mr and Mrs Hilbert-  
David has mentioned you all several times, he was very fond of you both. We appreciate your kindness and prayers at this difficult time. Love to you all and your family.

The Deakins Family

Teri Pierce - October 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ 6 files added to the album LifeTributes

**Tetrick Funeral** - October 23, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ David was a favorite childhood friend...always kind, smiling with that light in his eyes, and ready for fun! I've never forgotten him and I am glad I stopped by for a visit just a few years ago! It was like no time had passed. My heartfelt sympathy for all his family and friends.

**Amanda Mosier Bauknight** - October 23, 2020 at 08:22 PM