Henry F. Kendall

April 9, 1931 - December 12, 2013

1931-2013
Henry F. Kendall, age 82, a resident of Belen, NM passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 12, 2013. He was born April 9, 1931 in Wadesboro, North Carolina to Crowell and Ollie Preslar Kendall. He grew up in a farming family growing cotton and grain using good old horses, mules and plows. Dad told many stories about plowing the fields and picking cotton. He left Wadesboro and went to Red Springs, North Carolina and ran a Hot Dog Stand for a time earning him the nickname “Hot Dog Henry”. Henry was drafted into the Army in 1952 after he had already made the move to New Mexico looking to get hired onto the Railroad. He got hired onto the Santa Fe Railroad and then had to take a leave from his job to serve his 2 years in the Army. Henry worked for the Railroad for 40 years. He started as a switchman, then yardmaster working in the West Tower, then finished his career as a Conductor. He retired in 1992 Henry married the love of his life Arnita Mann Kendall on January 13, 1965. They spent 48 wonderful and interesting years together that was always centered around each other and family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Crowell Pittman Kendall and Ollie Preslar Kendall; brothers, Jack, Lee, Charles and Wyman Kendall; and a son, Michael Kendall. Henry is survived by his loving wife, Arnita; daughter, Sandra and husband, Marti of California; grandchildren, Kerri and husband, Kevin Ramos of California and Alan and wife, Kaycee of Ohio; two great-grandsons, Koehn and Kolton Ramos; brothers, Earl and wife, Luana of Clovis, Graham and

wife, Mary of North Carolina; and sister, Edna March of Virginia. Henry was a devoted Husband, Father and Grandpa. He is cherished by his family and will be always remembered as a faithful servant of his Lord. All services will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, on Thursday, December 19, beginning with a Viewing at 9:30 a.m. with a Funeral Service at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be held at Santa Fe National Cemetery on Thursday, December 19, at 3:00 p.m. Sign Henry's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.co m Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **19**. 9:30 AM (MT)

Christ the King Lutheran Church
700 Camelot Blvd
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Funeral Service

DEC **19**. 10:30 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

VA

I would like to extend my deep condolence of the loss of your loved one. The Lord's promise of a resurrection in John 5:28 gives comfort to millions and I hope it comforts you too. If you would like to know more about this promise and life on a paradise earth, please visit www.jw.org May Jehovah the God of all comfort grant you peace.

vanessa - January 04, 2014 at 12:25 PM

CA

Henry was a wonderful neighbor. Will always remember him in his garden.
Our prayers are with the Kendall family.

Cheryl Auge - December 23, 2013 at 02:23 PM

DG

Uncle Henry was a warm and kind man. I will always remember him talking to us about the stars. He was a good man. If you were around him you could feel the love he had for his family and God. You will be missed Uncle Henry. Debbie and Jodie

Debbie Gaddy-Patterson - December 17, 2013 at 01:58 PM

MS

Dad always spoke highly of Henry. Praying for all of you.

Maxine Scripter - December 16, 2013 at 07:20 PM

SM

STAFF AT LAKEVIEW MANOR lit a candle in memory of Henry F. Kendall

STAFF AT LAKEVIEW MANOR - December 15, 2013 at 09:28 PM

RM

RICHARD MOYA lit a candle in memory of Henry F. Kendall

RICHARD MOYA - December 15, 2013 at 09:26 PM

JT

Sorry to hear about Henry passing. I know he is Heaven tending to his garden and grape vines. I had the privilege of knowing and working with Henry on the railroad. He never spoke badly about anyone and was always in a pleasant mood. May God be with the family of Henry.

Joe D. Thrasher

Joe D. Thrasher - December 15, 2013 at 12:32 PM