



Kermit Edward Dooley

April 26, 1940 - December 29, 2023

Kermit Edward Dooley, 83, of Gardendale passed away on Friday, December 29, 2023 at his residence. He was born April 26, 1940.

Kermit E. Dooley, a revered figure in Gardendale, Alabama, led a life marked by numerous accolades and contributions to his community. A graduate of Mortimer Jordan High School, where he met and later married his high school sweetheart, fostering a deep connection to his roots. Throughout his life, he demonstrated an unwavering dedication to Gardendale, serving as a fireman and police officer in his early years. Kermit's commitment extended to the preservation of local history, evident in his founding of the Gardendale Historical Museum and the Gardendale Historical Society. He was twice named Citizen of the Year in Gardendale, he also played a pivotal role in securing Historical Markers for Stouts Road within the State of Alabama. Kermit Dooley's influence reached beyond his community as the Regional Vice President of the Cemetery Preservation Association of Alabama, focusing on Jefferson County. His expertise in genealogy and history further enriched the understanding of local and state heritage. Until his passing, Kermit continued to lead the Gardendale Historical Society as its president, leaving an enduring legacy of civic pride and historical preservation. The Gardendale Historical Museum, a testament to his vision, was later named the Kermit E Dooley Historical Museum in honor of his remarkable contributions.

Kermit was also a devoted family man whose life was defined by an unwavering passion for his loved ones. Kermit shared a lifetime of love and companionship with his high school sweetheart Joyce. Together, they built a family grounded in resilience and warmth. Kermit took immense pride in his sons, Troy and Shaun, instilling in them the values of integrity and community service that he held dear. As a doting grandfather and known to family as “Poppy”, he cherished the laughter and joy brought by his grandchildren, creating cherished memories that will endure through generations. The arrival of great-grandchildren added an extra layer of happiness to his life, symbolizing the continuation of a legacy rooted in love and family bonds. Kermit's profound commitment to his family resonates as a testament to his enduring spirit and the enduring impact he leaves on those fortunate enough to be part of his close-knit circle.

He is survived by his son, James Troy Dooley (Kathy); grandchildren, April Dooley, Tyler Dooley (Katelyn), Breanna White (Jonathan), Cassidy Dooley, Talon Stocks (Ashley Walker), Mikah Dooley, Mackenzie Gilkey (Erick) and Mackayla Dooley; great grandchildren, Lola Dooley, Lucy Dooley, Roman Dooley, Brynleigh White, Amelia White, Malice Dooley, Clementine Gilkey and Holden Fulgham and special granddog, Opal.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harley Troy Dooley and Flossie Dooley; wife, Joyce Dooley; son, Shaun Dooley and brother, Ronald Dooley.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 2pm at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home; Jonathan White officiating; burial will follow in Oakwood Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 12pm to 2pm.

Because of Kermit's passion for preserving the history of Gardendale in lieu of flowers you are welcome to make a donation to the Gardendale Historical

Society in honor of him. Donations may be mailed to PO Box 1044,
Gardendale, AL 35071 or at [https://paypal.me/GdaleHistoricalSoc?country.x=
US&locale.x=en_US](https://paypal.me/GdaleHistoricalSoc?country.x=US&locale.x=en_US)

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Memorial Gardens

2100 Moncrief Rd
Gardendale, AL 35071

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
Gardendale, AL 35071
(205) 631-8810
gardendalefuneralhome2@gmail.com

Funeral Service

JAN 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

JAN 2 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ EXIT Realty Downhome purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Kermit Edward Dooley.



EXIT Realty Downhome - January 01, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kermit Edward Dooley.



January 01, 2024 at 10:34 AM

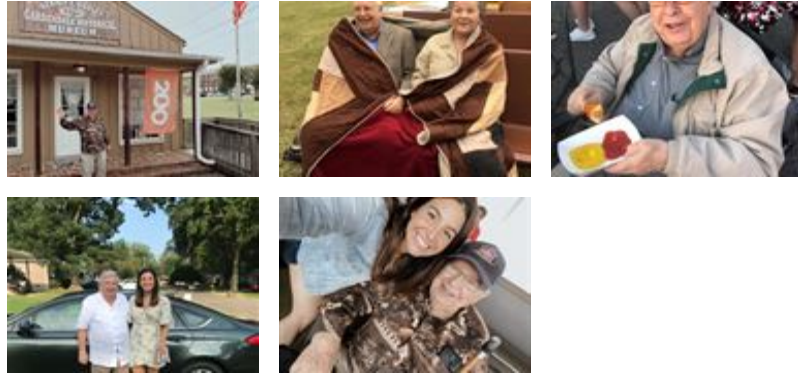


“ Grandview CICU and Stepdown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kermit Edward Dooley.

Grandview CICU and Stepdown - January 01, 2024 at 10:34 AM



“ 150 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home - December 31, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Kermit Edward Dooley*.



December 31, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Kermit Edward Dooley*.



December 31, 2023 at 01:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kermit Edward Dooley.



December 31, 2023 at 01:09 PM



“ Laura M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kermit Edward Dooley.

Laura M. - December 31, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ QR code to donate electronically to the Gardendale Historical Society



Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home - December 30, 2023 at 04:00 PM



QR code to make donation to Gardendale Historical Society

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home - December 30, 2023 at 07:05 PM

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Ronnie Guin - December 30, 2023 at 01:37 PM

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“ I loved Mr Dooley. Listening to his stories, history and his laughter. His memory will live on in my heart and his contributions and love for this community will not be forgotten. . So thankful for his leadership and friendship in the Historical Society as well as all our lives. Ronnie Guin

Ronnie Guin - December 30, 2023 at 01:35 PM

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“ Diane, Jenny, & EXIT Realty Landmark purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kermit Edward Dooley.



Diane, Jenny, & EXIT Realty Landmark - December 30, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kermit Edward Dooley.



December 30, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ *Corntassel Cumberland Presbyterian Churc planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kermit Edward Dooley.*

Corntassel Cumberland Presbyterian Churc - December 29, 2023 at 09:33 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kermit Edward Dooley.*



December 29, 2023 at 09:33 PM