



William Marsh Torbett

May 6, 1925 - April 17, 2018

Chapel services for William Marsh Torbett will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 23 at Kramer Funeral Home in Alexandria. Visitation will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at the funeral home, and from 8:30 until 10 a.m. on Monday. Interment will follow the service at Greenwood Memorial Park in Pineville.

Marsh Torbett, 92, died Tuesday night at Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital. He was born in Rogers, Arkansas, to Harrie E. and Marie Marsh Torbett, and grew up in the family home in downtown Alexandria on a site where Rapides Women's and Children's Hospital is now located. He graduated from Bolton High School, served in the Navy during World War II, and then graduated with an education degree from Northwestern State College in Natchitoches. He was active in the college's aquatics program, became a lifeguard, and was credited with rescuing two boys from drowning in Cane River in 1946. He also attained his pilot's license during this period.

He married Evie Jane Lindsey in 1950 and they settled in Alexandria. He worked for a short time as a teacher, then spent most of his career in industrial sales. After retirement, Marsh worked for Kisatchie-Delta's JTPA program to assist the elderly with job placement. During his youth, Marsh was a member of Alexandria's Boy Scout Troop 4, where he became an Eagle Scout, and later served as assistant scoutmaster of Troop 10. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing, quail hunting, boating and wind-surfing on Kincaid Lake with long-time friend Jimmie Thompson. He also counted bee-keeping, woodworking and serving as a volunteer docent at the Alexandria Zoo among his favorite activities.

After becoming an amputee in 1991, Marsh assisted with the Buddy Camp children's swim program at First United Methodist Church in Alexandria; he was named an "Ageless Hero" in 2000 by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana to honor his optimistic spirit and community service work.

He and his wife Evie Jane were exemplary parents, always intensely involved with their sons' academic and extracurricular activities. They enjoyed a wide circle of friends during their 52-year marriage, and were particularly fond of time spent dancing together at gatherings of the Magnolia Dance Club, which they helped found.

He is survived by his sons, Lindsey Torbett (Melanie) of Alexandria and John W. Torbett (Candy) of Bonnerdale, Arkansas, three grandchildren, Lauren, Will, and Kayla, and one

great-grandchild, Hana. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Evie Jane Lindsey Torbett in 2002.

The family expresses its thanks to the staff of Canterbury House in Alexandria for their care during the past few years of his residence there. Memorials may be made to Friends of the Alexandria Zoo or First United Methodist Church of Alexandria.

Cemetery

Events

Greenwood Memorial Park

LA,

APR 22 First Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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2905 Masonic Drive, Alexandria, LA, US, 71301

APR 23 Second Visitation 08:30AM - 10:00AM

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APR 23 Service 10:00AM

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Comments



“ Marsh was one of my favorite cousins since the early 1950s. I was always awed by his extreme knowledge of so many subjects. I have many pictures of him at family reunions. He was at my father's funeral. I will surely miss Marsh. I am sad for Lindsey, John, and the whole Torbett family. I pray comfort for you all.

Franklin Wingard - April 22, 2018 at 08:31 AM



“ John and Lindsey so sorry for your loss! Will keep you all in my prayers! Love you all!

Connie Clampit

Connie Clampit - April 21, 2018 at 11:42 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of William Marsh Torbett.



April 21, 2018 at 05:00 PM



“ Lindsey, so sorry for your loss. I will keep you and your family in prayer during this time. Your dad was a great asset to our community.

Wayne and Nelda Ryan

Wayne Ryan - April 20, 2018 at 10:43 PM