



R.L. Pinson

November 4, 2012

R.L. Pinson, longtime Murfreesboro Antique Dealer, died November 4, 2012 at the Tennessee State Veterans Home. R.L. is survived by nephews, Ralph (Jan) Dick, Jr. of St. Peter, MO, Jackie (Sue) Pinson of Greenbrier, TN, John Pinson of West Palm Beach, FL, Richard Dick of Pacific, MO; and nieces, Janice Elmore, Louise Pinson and Nancy Pinson. R.L. was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Edgar and Birdie Bracken Pinson of Orlinda, TN.

R.L. served in the United States Marine Corps for four years which included a one-year tour in Korea. He was also a member of the Woodbury Road Baptist Church.

R.L. and his partner, Elvis Jernigan, established their first antique shop in the old Jernigan grocery and gas station on Woodbury Highway in the 1960's. Later they moved their residence and shop to Manson Pike.

In 1968, the antique dealers from Murfreesboro and surrounding communities and formed the Murfreesboro Antique Dealers Association with R.L. Pinson as president and Elvis Jernigan as secretary. After running monthly flea markets, they started the Murfreesboro Antique Dealers Show and Sale in August 1969 in the Ag Center. After three years, they moved the event to Murphy Center on MTSU Campus. The show ran consecutively for over 40 years and was a much-anticipated event every third weekend in July.

R.L. specialized in pattern glass and primitive items and collected numerous rare and none-of-a-kind items.

Mr. Pinson's body will be cremated and his cremains buried with military honors in Roselawn Memorial Gardens following graveside services at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2012.

Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Sandy relief; 501 Memorial Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN or to the Wounded Warriors Project; 223 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Suite 301, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

Book Travel to Services

Comments



“ I remember always stopping to see Uncle R.L. on our way to and from Cape Coral, FL to see my grandparents. We would always go through the old log home and antiques shop they had. He made the best peach cobbler.

I believe his influence was one of the reasons that I decided to pursue my career in archaeology. On our last trip to Murfreesboro I was able to talk with him on a completely different level than I had previously. It seemed like he enjoyed seeing someone in his family who could appreciate and understood the origins of the items they had in their home. It made me feel like he was proud to see what I had accomplished in those six years at The University of Montana.

I will miss all of the history of the family and talking about where the items in the home came from. R.L. could tell the greatest stories if you had the time to listen. The family reunions are not the same without R.L.

You will be missed R.L.! Thanks for providing a base which allowed me to succeed in college!

David S. Dick - St. Peters, MO - Great Uncle - November 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We have made so many wonderful memories with RL. Each and every one is so precious. He loved his antiques and when we would visit he would be like a museum guide. He was filled with so much knowledge about their antiques and that was so interesting. He would take us into the garden and show me all of his vegetables because he knew I loved all that. Also all the different flowers they had in the yard and I love flowers. He was the best cook in all of Tennessee. The times we went to the Pinson reunions, it was so nice to see everyone and all the good food that was prepared. He loved being with family. Our son David would go out in the yard and he would tell him of all the history that took place on their property and around Murfreesboro. We loved being with him. I just wish it could have been more often.

We love you and you will be greatly missed.

Ralph and Jan Dick - St Peters, MO - Nephew and Niece - November 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ You'll always be loved and remembered.

Richard and Janet Dick - Ballwin, NH - Nephew - November 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ You will always be in my heart Uncle R.L. Some of my best memories are with you and Elvis at your old cabin house and store. Such a wonderful man who always made me smile. Love you, "Ginger."

Jennifer Nelson - Villa Ridge, MO - grand niece - November 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We'll miss you.

Richard K. Dick - Ballwin, MO - Nephew - November 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Love you Uncle R.L. I'll always remember the great times we spent together when Mom and Dad would drop me off at your place while they continued on to Florida. Mom and Dad are gone now too, but you are all together again and I'm sure the family reunions will continue up there.

Richard and Janet Dick - Ballwin, MO - Nephew - November 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM