Service Summary

Visitation
05:00 PM to 08:00 PM, Thu Jul 05, 2012

Karnes and Son Funeral Home, Rutherford
669 S. Trenton Street
Rutherford, Tennessee 38369

Funeral Service
10:00 AM Fri Jul 06, 2012

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Obituary

William Adolph Beard, age 86, of Rutherford, Tennessee, passed away from this life on July 3, 2012, at Gibson General Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, July 6, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel of Karnes & Son Funeral Home of Rutherford. Interment will follow in the Rutherford Cemetery, Rutherford, Tennessee.

William was born July 28, 1925, in Kenton, Tennessee; the son of the late RanDolph and Thelma Johnstone Beard. He was a proud Sub Vet of World War II, former alderman and Mayor of Rutherford, and a retiree from Trenton Brown Shoe Company. He was a member of the Rutherford First Baptist Church, the American Legion, and a life member of the US Submarine Veteran's, Inc.

William is survived by his wife, Josephine Beard; two daughters, Sandra (Johnny) Cowan of Yorkville; Lisa (Doug) O'Neal of Jackson; a grandson, John David (Tabitha) Cowan and one great-grandson, Drake of Yorkville. He also leaves one sister, Annie Pearl (Clyde) Day of Millington, TN and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2012. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of organization of donor's choice. Karnes & Son Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. William Adolph Beard.

Charitable donations may be made in William's memory to the following organizations:

American Cancer Society
http://www.cancer.org
30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701
Tel: 800 952 7430 x4712

American Heart Association
http://www.americanheart.org
20 Speen St., Framingham, MA. 01701-4688
Tel: Tel: 800 662 1701

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
http://www.stjude.org
501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105
Tel: 901 495 3300

Veterans of Foreign Wars
http://www.vfw.org/index.cfm?fa=what.levelc&cid=177
VFW Memorial Building, 200 Maryland Avenue N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002
Tel: (202) 543-2239