



Morris Stamps

June 3, 1929 - March 13, 2026

Morris Duel Stamps, age 96, of Monterey, Tennessee, passed away on Friday, March 13, 2026, in Monterey, Tennessee.

Morris was born in Cookeville, Tennessee, on Monday, June 3, 1929, to the late Ruth Ellen Ledbetter Stamps Miller Goldsboro and Lawrence Duel Stamps. Morris spent many of his formative years with his beloved grandparents, Mitchell and Jemima Ledbetter of Monterey, and John and Artie Stamps of Cookeville.

Morris graduated from Monterey High School Class of 1947. After serving in the United States Army, 2nd Battalion, 179th Division on the front line in Korea, he returned to earn a BS and MA from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville.

Morris was an educator at heart, beginning his journey with education positions in Middle Tennessee and continuing in Dayton, Ohio, where he retired. Returning to Middle Tennessee, he eagerly assumed the positions of Assistant Principal and teacher at Algood Middle School, retiring once again. He served his communities as an elementary teacher, Middle School Industrial Arts teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal. Morris also showed his passion for educating and developing youth by coaching both football and basketball early in his career.

His other professional pursuits included establishing the Dairy Queen in Monterey, Tennessee, along with Collie Bohannon and then later a Painting Business in Dayton, Ohio.

Morris had many talents as a creator; in his early years he used his artistic abilities as a sign painter for many Monterey businesses. Morris had a passion for art and excelled at oil and watercolor painting, jewelry making, stained glass, scrimshaw, woodcarving, and woodworking. It was said that if it could be made of wood, Morris could do it.

During his lifetime, Morris was very active in the communities in which he lived. This included faithful membership of Monterey United Methodist Church, serving on several committees and participating in mission trips to Panama. Other pursuits during his life, included being a dedicated Boy Scout Leader, Free Mason, Advisory Board Member for Rainbow Girls, and a supportive member of the Civitan Club.

Morris dearly loved his family and friends, traveling, history, and reading. He shared his passion for travel locally and abroad with those he loved. He had a deep interest in our National Parks, especially Glacier. A favorite pastime in his later years was porch sitting with his “besties” on a warm day.

In addition to his parents, Morris was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mitchell and Jemima Ledbetter, John and Artie Stamps; wife, Priscilla Bright Stamps, and wife, Chesterlene Harris Stamps; sister Barbara Witeof; brother, Jack Miller; and son-in-law, Steve Kautz.

Morris was survived by his brother, Jim Miller of Oklahoma; his daughters, Pamela Kautz of Hermitage, TN, and Jane Reed (Gordon) of Monterey, TN;

grandchildren, Chelsea Domino (Bart) of Hermitage, TN, Steven Kautz (Susannah) of Burnsville, NC, Hunter Reed (Katy) of Apison, TN, and Noah Reed of Cookeville, TN; great grandchildren, Lucas and Miles Domino of Hermitage, TN, Judah, Baylor, and Hudson Reed of Apison, TN.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested memorial donations be given to Monterey United Methodist Church, 124 North Holly Street, Monterey, TN 38574.

Funeral Services were conducted on Friday, March 20, 2026, at 2:00 PM from The Chapel of Goff Funeral Home. Rev. Denna Hornby and Rev. Fabian Valtierra officiated and Interment followed in the Whittaker Cemetery with Full Military Honors Provided by The Veterans Honor Guard. The family received friends at Goff Funeral Home on Friday, March 20, 2026, from 12:00 PM until time of services at 2:00 PM.

Arrangements and Care provided by D.M. Goff Funeral Home, Inc., 205 East Cleveland Avenue, Monterey, Tennessee 38574, Phone, 931.839.2311.

Cemetery Details

Whittaker Cemetery

406 N. Elmore Street
Monterey, TN 38574

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Services

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Tribute Wall

PL

“ Jane please call me...This is Skip Ledbetter 352 661 5309...I lost your number...As my oldest first cousin, Morris was an inspiration and good guide for virtue...we last talked about going to Arkansas and looking into our great- great grandfather that Morris said had drowned...Both of us were into the history of our family...I just wish some many times that I had asked 1,000s of question to our grandfather Pop (Mitchell Elder Ledbetter) and grandmother that I adored, Jemima Matilda Bagwell Ledbetter...My daughter was named Jemima after Morris's and my grandmother. I remembered my dad, Paul Ensor Ledbetter Sr. calling me after he had done his daily Bible reading and asking me "hey son, do you know who Jemima was in the Bible?" I was not aware, he told me, "That's Job's oldest and prettiest daughter!" This was the kind of thing Morris loved....he was a Godly and good man and I'm sure Monterey will miss him. I hope you girls got Pop's 1950ish car to remember him by. I can't thank Morris's mom, Ruth for watching over Grandmomma and Pop for many of their remaining years. Gotta say this about Ruth, she was a pistol and I remember going upstairs at my grandparent's home next to the Methodist Church in Monterey and bumming a cigarette or two as we chatted...She and Morris were fun to be around...RIP Cousin...



Paul (Skip) Ensor Ledbetter - June 12 at 11:17 PM

BW

“ *Brent Walker lit a candle in memory of Morris Stamps*



Brent Walker - March 29 at 06:43 PM

JB

“ *Morris and I both taught at Algood Jr. High School in Algood, TN. He was a very friendly person, and was loved by all. R.I.P. Morris*

Jerry Bartheolemy - March 23 at 05:48 PM

AW

“ *Angie Woolbright lit a candle in memory of Morris Stamps*



Angie Woolbright - March 22 at 01:56 PM

CD

“ *Carolyn Davidson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Morris Stamps.*



Carolyn Davidson - March 20 at 10:51 AM

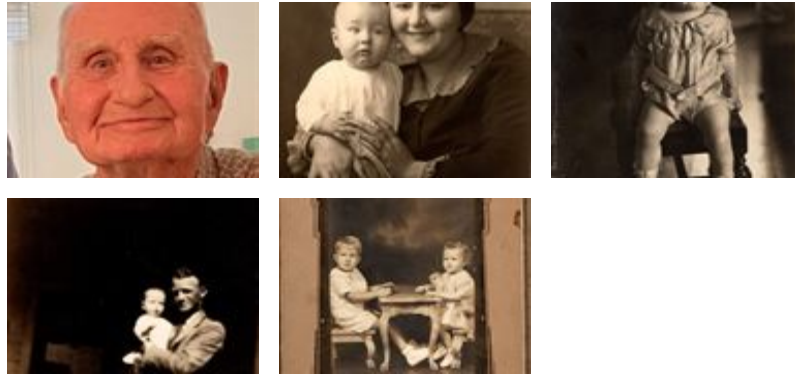
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“ Carolyn Davidson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Morris Stamps.

Carolyn Davidson - March 20 at 10:51 AM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



D.M. Goff Funeral Home, Inc. - March 19 at 01:46 PM

JF

“ Jamie and Debbie Fisher purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Morris Stamps.



Jamie and Debbie Fisher - March 17 at 09:01 PM

NK

“ Nancy K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Morris Stamps.

Nancy K. - March 17 at 05:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Morris Stamps.*



March 17 at 11:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Morris Stamps.

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“ *Susan Clark lit a candle in memory of Morris Stamps*



Susan Clark - March 17 at 07:02 AM



“ *Janet Raines sent a virtual gift in memory of Morris Stamps*



Janet Raines - March 16 at 08:37 PM

OH

“ *He was a very kind and generous man ...a awesome person...*



Olive Harris - March 16 at 07:59 PM

EB

“ *The town of Monterey has lost one of its best, learned a lot from Morris.*

Eugene Buckner - March 16 at 06:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Morris Stamps.*



March 16 at 04:45 PM

FY

“ *Felecia Yates sent a virtual gift in memory of Morris Stamps*



Felecia Yates - March 13 at 10:49 PM