



## Mr. Murell Dean Kennedy

July 17, 1936 - September 21, 2021

Murell Dean Kennedy, 85, of White Hall passed away on September 21, 2021.

Murell is survived by his son Rodney Kennedy of White Hall, daughter Stacy Kennedy of Fayetteville, and step daughter Debbie Tankersly of Texas, many grandchildren and great grandchildren, and sisters Barbara Nelson and Robin Carter.

Murell was preceded in death by his wife Mavis Kennedy, son Ronald Kennedy, stepson Richard Miller, sister Sherry Elliott, and parents Holland and Gladys Kennedy.

Murell attended DeWitt schools and was an active 4-H Club member. Murell won a total of 23 medals including district and state medals in Achievement. He attended 4-H Camp in Washington, D.C., and the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, where he was a national winner.

Upon graduating from DeWitt, Murell attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and earned a Bachelor's degree in General Agriculture. Murell was a member of the National Guard at Fort Chaffee and Fort Hood.

After completing his training, Murell returned home to partner with his father,

Holland Kennedy, in farming. After Holland's retirement, Murell and his son , Rodney, formed a partnership that continued until they both retired in 2018.

Murell was a member of Farm Bureau and the Grady Lions Club for many years.

After retiring, Murell enjoyed visiting with friends and family.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. September 24 at Essex Funeral Home with burial in Cedarcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be one hour before the funeral beginning at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Arkansas County 4-H Club, 1009 Liberty Dr., DeWitt, AR 72042.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedarcrest Memorial Gardens

Hwy 1  
DeWitt, AR 72042

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 24. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Essex Funeral Home  
1405 South Grandview  
DeWitt, AR 72042  
(870) 946-3104  
<https://www.essexfuneralhome.com>

## Service

SEP 24. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Murell & my uncle Reuben Richter were good friends. They shared their love of farming & Massey Ferguson farm equipment. He leaves behind fond memories.*

William C. Richter - October 01, 2021 at 12:05 AM

JD

“ *Johnny Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Murell Dean Kennedy*



johnny sue davis - September 23, 2021 at 12:36 PM

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“ *Murell a great life long friend thru school college & Army Service. I have hitched a ride with him so many times he always had a nice ride. He loved people & we think especially George & I. He was a good soldier he & I in Personnel. Haven't seen Murell in number years but always in our thoughts & good memories. Prayers for family. Love y'all. Bill Rowland & George Rowland.*

Bill Rowland - September 23, 2021 at 06:12 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Murell Dean Kennedy.*



September 22, 2021 at 10:10 PM