



Richard Lee Raybon

January 8, 1923 - January 27, 2016

Richard Lee Raybon, 93, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loved ones on Jan. 27, 2016, following a lengthy illness. Born on Jan. 8, 1923 to John and Curtis Elizabeth Raybon he was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters. He served in the Marine Corps during WWII. A graduate of Southeastern Bible College he was a gifted Sunday School teacher for many years. At the time of death he was a member of Gardendale First Baptist and had been active in the church's Welcome Class.

His professional career in the cotton processing industry spanned more than 30 years and included erecting and repairing cotton gins in the southeast and several foreign countries. Following his 1981 retirement he honed his woodworking skills and became proficient in making wooden toys and clocks. He will be remembered fondly as a man of great faith, quiet strength, determination and fierce independence. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Bertha Garst Raybon; children Sandra Woods and Lee Raybon (Sue Ann); grandchildren Andrea Collins (Troy), Craig White (Cassie), Amy Patillo (Lee), Bryant Woods, Meredith Smith (Michael) and Mallory Reutter (Jon) as well as ten great-grand children and several nieces and nephews. The family extends a very special thank you to Marcie and Cindy, his faithful caregivers for almost three years. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Richard's passions, Southeastern Bible College or Jimmie Hale Mission. Visitation will be at the Gardendale Funeral Home from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2016, followed by funeral services at 2:00 p.m. with interment at

Moncrief cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Bridget lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Raybon*



Bridget - February 08, 2016 at 10:53 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. The Bible makes this comforting promise: "Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted, he saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) It also assures us: "Throw your burden on Jehovah, and he will sustain you." (Psalm 55:22) May these thoughts bring you a measure of comfort at this difficult time.*

K - February 04, 2016 at 06:02 PM

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“ *We are so sorry about your loss. May the God of all comfort continue to be with you and your family during this difficult time. We all look forward to a time when death will be no more- Rev 21:4. Our prayers are with you..*

Boyd Family - January 30, 2016 at 08:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Raybon.*



January 29, 2016 at 09:02 AM