



Ishmael Eugene Garrett

September 20, 1934 - March 27, 2015

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Ishmael Eugene (Gene) Garrett was born in Okemah, OK on September 20, 1934. At two years of age, his immediate family moved to Houston TX, where he lived off and on for the next forty years. During that time, Gene served honorably in both the U.S. Marines, and the U.S. Air Force. In 1961 he married Marilyn Lee Mullins, his beautiful wife of 53 years. Together they had three children, Clay Mitchell, Shonda Carol, and Tara Suzanne. Gene worked for many years at Dow Chemical in LaPorte, TX. He also worked as a home construction inspector in KY, a grocery store manager in GA, and lastly, served for thirty years as Vice President of Operations for Wilson Moore Tool Supply, Inc., an oilfield supply company started by his long-time friend Robert Wilson near Dallas TX. He retired in 2010 at the age of seventy-five, whereupon he and Marilyn moved to Rusk, TX. Gene often commented “I can’t imagine a better place to live than Rusk.” He enjoyed his acquaintances at Austin Bank, True Value Hardware, and told fond stories about the competent and friendly folks over at Chapman’s Pharmacy.

Gene had a gentle demeanor, a quick wit, and an insatiable curiosity about life. He also had a long-standing interest in collegiate sports, particularly football and baseball. One of his favorite things to do was pick “weekly winners” in college football, a competitive, yet friendly game he played with

one of his best of friends for twenty straight years. He couldn't care less about soccer and hockey. His greatest passion, however, was his family—his wife, three children, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, whom he served and loved unselfishly. Gene is survived by his aforementioned family. He was preceded in death by his parents Elam Ishmael and Emma Aline, and his brother Gerald (Bernie) Bernard. He was loved by all who knew him.

At Gene's request, no service will be held.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ishmael Eugene Garrett*

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