



Charles Eikner

May 11, 1920 - January 24, 2012

Services for Charles E. Eikner, 91, of Tyler, will be held on Friday, January 27, at 10:30 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Gerry Giles and Bishop John Wesley Hardt officiating. Burial will follow at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Eikner passed away Tuesday, January 24 at Meadow Lake assisted living in Tyler. He was born May 11, 1920 in Tyler to Erby and May Walker Eikner. Charles was a member of Marvin United Methodist Church in Tyler since 1969. He served in the WWII Army Air Corp, as a Captain at the end of the war. Charles was a Rotarian and a Board member of the Methodist Mission Home. He was owner and operator of Eikner Nurseries for thirty-six years. Charles was devoted to his church and was a local and statewide leader in the Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Donald Wayne Eikner; wives, Rosalie Breedlove Eikner and Rose Austin Eikner and three brothers. He is survived by his loving family including sons, Edward Eikner of Macon, Georgia and David Eikner and wife Anquinette of Tyler; daughter, Elaine Estridge and husband Jimmy of Tyler; five grandchildren, Erik Eikner and wife Michelle of Herford, Elizabeth Aranguren and husband Will of Tyler, Ben Estridge and wife Katie of Kingwood, Jonathan Estridge of Tyler and Timothy Estridge of Tyler; two great-grandchildren, Quint and Colt Eikner of Herford and numerous nieces and nephews; and a helpful friend, Sandra "Sam" Ervin of Tyler. Pallbearers will be Mike Breedlove, Paul Breedlove, John Breedlove, Chuck Breedlove, Bob Breedlove, Edwin Eikner,

Gary Eikner and Erby G. Eikner. Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, January 26 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler. If desired, memorials may be made to the NOAH fund at Marvin United Methodist Church, 300 W. Erwin, Tyler, Texas 75702.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Pop I will miss you. I know that you are having a grand ole time. You and I shared a lot of good times that I will cherish forever. My children Terry and Kiara will always remember "Fathers Day with you" Thanks for being You!*

*With all my Love!
Marquetta:)*

Marquetta Elmore - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Mr. Eikner was a strong man of faith and a real pillar in the church. He will be missed, but his legacy will continue!*

Melissa Brigman - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *Edward, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Blessings, from Nadine, and your other colleagues and friends in the Music Department at Wesleyan College.*

Nadine Cheek Whitney - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Eikner and his family since my early high school years. I enjoyed many fun times at his and Mrs. Eikner's homes. They always welcomed me with warmth, love, laughter, and good food. I always enjoyed his sense of humor. I have special memories of the years of friendship I shared with his daughter, Elaine.

He was always kind and loving to my children thru the years. Keith & I are truly saddened at his passing and Elaine and all of the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Susie McCullough - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I'm so sad to hear that Mr. Eikner passed away. I have such good memories of him and Mrs. Eikner. They were so sweet to me. I remember playing my guitar for them when I was a little girl. I haven't seen him for a long time, but I will never forget him.

Kennedy Hunter - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ We give our sincere sympathies to the family of Charles. We remember him with fondness and pride that we were friends.

God Bless All The Family.

Lovingly

Willis & Anneliese Burns

Willis & anneliese Burns - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ We were so sorry to hear about Charles. Elaine, Eddie and David we are sorry we weren't able to come to visitation or the service, but you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Elynor and Charles

Elynor and Charles - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We are so sorry about the loss of your dear loved one. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

No words will ever fill the empty place in the heart when someone you love is no longer with you. We know that you have spent some wonderful times together that will give you many treasured memories.

Our thoughts are with you.

John and Hedwig (Garrard) Hardie - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM