



## Don Ellis

February 14, 1927 - February 12, 2008

Graveside Service for Don O. Ellis, 80, of Tyler, are scheduled for 2:00 PM Friday, February 15, 2008 at the Colonial Gardens Cemetery in Marshall with Father Ed Baggett officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home; 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy in Tyler. Mr. Ellis passed away February 12, 2008 at his home in Tyler. He was born February 14, 1927 in Higgins, TX to the late Arch and Florence (Ray) Ellis, his mother, a homemaker and gifted seamstress and his father, a rancher and contractor. At age 17 he joined the US Navy despite the fact that he had already lost his older brother in World War II. He was a radio operator during critical times aboard destroyer escorts in the European and North African theaters. Following the war, Don took advantage of the GI bill and attended school at the University of Wisconsin, and ultimately graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1950. He was later called back to duty when the Korean War broke out. Mr. Ellis worked for and retired from Commercial Union Insurance Company after twenty plus years and later worked as an independent claims consultant. In 1969 he served as President of the Monroe Claims Association. He was a confirmed Episcopalian and attended Christ Church. Don was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Anna B. Gayle and Juanita Pratt; and one brother, Ray Ellis. Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Molly (Bogue) Ellis of Tyler; daughter, Valarie Ellis Gipson and husband Lee of Atlanta, GA; four grandchildren, Molly and Erin Seamans of Atlanta, GA, Austin Seamans of Laurinburg, NC, and Madison Hix of Atlanta, GA. If desired, memorials may

be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch; PO Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174 or a charity of your choice. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Dandy was a wonderful grandfather. I loved him so much and I am so fortunate to have been able to grow up with with such a great man as a grandfather. I will think of him always. May he rest in peace in heaven.

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**Molly Seamans** - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Dandy was a great grandfather. Even when I was at a young age, he was teaching me what was right and wrong. I loved him dearly, and I miss him very much. I know he is in a better place. I will always remember and love him.

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**Austin Seamans** - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I dearly loved my grandfather, Dandy, and will miss him so very much. He was always funny and a joy to all of his grandchildren. I love you, Madison.

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**Madison Victoria Hix** - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ With fondest memories and deepest sympathy.

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**Henri Billon** - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ I was saddened to hear of Don's death, and offer my deepest sympathy to Molly. I knew Don since 1974, and had the pleasure of working for, and with, him over the years. He was always a gentleman, and I believed always did his utmost to do the right, and proper, thing. Don was always thought of as being the best claims technician, and the one that was called upon when things needed to be accomplished. The insurance claims industry has lost a giant. We will offer our prayers for the family.

*Don Zeigler, Jr.*

*Superior Claims Service, Inc.*

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**Don Zeigler, Jr.** - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM