



Elmer Grimes

September 27, 1929 - June 24, 2009

Services for Ray Grimes, 79, of Emerald Bay will be on Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 10:00 AM at Emerald Bay Community Church with Dr. Jay Riley officiating. Burial will be on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at 10:00 AM at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Grimes passed away June 24, 2009 in Tyler. Ray Grimes was born in Bentonville, AR, September 27, 1929. He moved to Bremerton, WA. in 1940, where he met his future wife, Nadine, in high school. Ray joined the Navy June 30th 1948 right out of high school. His career spanned 31 years from a navy seaman to the rank of Commander. He was selected to go to the University of Washington in 1958 and he graduated in 1962 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He earned a Masters degree from USC in Systems Management in 1978. He served for 2 years on the aircraft carrier USS Hancock as the guided missile officer in the Gulf of Tonkin during the Vietnam War. He was the Program Manager for Weapons systems of the Naval Electronics Systems Command in Washington, D.C. He was the liaison for the Navy to the Air Force at the Space and Missile center in El Segundo, CA. He was awarded several medals of which the Meritorious Service Medal (3 stars), the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal (2 stars) are just a sampling. Ray retired on June 30th, 1979. He was recruited by the Aerospace Corp. in El Segundo, CA, where he worked as a program manager on the Satellites Communications Systems for 13 years. He retired completely in 1991 and moved to East Texas

to become a member of the Emerald Bay Community. Ray loved playing golf with his buddies in the Golden Tees, where he served as president for 2 years. A member of Emerald Bay Community church for 18 years, Ray was a dedicated Christian man. He was a loving husband to his wife of 60 years Nadine Grimes and loving father to his son Chris Grimes and daughter Marsha Blackwelder. He was a loving grandfather to granddaughters Maranda Moran and Morgana Blackwelder, and grandsons Austin and Spencer Grimes, and great grandfather to Mattox Moran. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Emerald Bay Golden Tees. Memorials in memory of Ray Grimes may be made to the Emerald Bay Community Church or the Emerald Bay Women's Club Memorial Fund.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *What a wonderful tribute. Our thoughts are with family and friends during this difficult time. May God walk with you and give you strength.*

Jeff & Lisa Crannell - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Our few meetings with Mr. Grimes were as members of his son's Sunday School Class at Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church.*

Always smiling and very gracious in sharing his vast Bible knowledge made him a very welcome guest.

May your memories along with God's mercy sustain you in your loss.

Kim and Paul Beck - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *The testimony of his life is a wonderful gift to his family and friends. Our condolences to the family.*

Jim and Jane Beckett - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *My husband and I had the opportunity to meet Mr. Grimes a few times, he was always kind and considerate to us.*

We know that his passing will leave a void in the lives and hearts of those who knew him.

Our condolences to the family.

Robert and Patricia Riadon - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *Sharon and I are thankful for the family-time we were able to share with Ray with his wife Nadine, with Chris and Jana, Austin and Spencer, and our family.*

I always admired Ray for his pleasant personality. He was a model for all of us. He was a Christian who served his country, and was devoted to his family and friends. He will be missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Nadine and the rest of his family.

Kent and Sharon Ellis - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Elmer Grimes*

Jim and Diane Charles - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *I adored Ray and will never forget his devotion to his family, his jolly countenance, and his enjoyment of a good meal!*

I am particularly touched now to learn more details about his incredible contributions of intelligence and knowledge throughout his lifetime. His wit and humor were always evident, as was his love for his beautiful wife and family. So, numerous remarkable achievements such as those in service to his country would certainly be true to his fine character.

I join in mourning the loss of such a wise, warm and loving man which will be greatly felt by many, but I pray the memories of his merry soul and the legacy of his goodness and faithfulness offers considerable comfort and peace in the days ahead.

I always like to recall how my son once put it; there is surely a welcome party going on in Heaven now!

Much love to all,

Carol

Carol Dietrichson - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM