



Felix O. Byrd Jr.

October 1, 1929 - April 16, 2026

Services for Felix Byrd, Jr., 96, of Tyler will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler with Rev. Paul Diepenbruck officiating. Interment will follow at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Tyler. Visitation is scheduled prior to service from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Byrd passed away Thursday, April 16, 2026, in Tyler. He was born October 1, 1929, in Pilot Point, Texas to Lottie Nelson and Felix Byrd Sr.

Felix was a member of Poynor Baptist Church. He graduated from Haskell High School and was employed at Southwestern Bell and AT&T.

Felix had a smile that would light up a room. Most would say he was the life of the party. He had a love for the lake, fishing, traveling, and sports.

Felix Byrd served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1947 to 1951 and in the reserve until 1954. Upon serving his country, he received a China Service Medal. He served in Korea from August 1950 to June 1951. He served during the Chosin Reservoir Campaign of November and December 1950, in far Northeast North Korea in temperatures of 30 degrees below zero. This was one of the three most meritorious battles in Marine history. He was an active member of the North Texas Chapter of the Chosin Few, a Veterans

organization of survivors of the Chosin Reservoir Campaign.

Felix was preceded in death by his parents, Felix Byrd, Sr. and Lottie Nelson Byrd; sons-in-law, Scotty Morris and Michael Sheffield; and great-granddaughter, Kelsey Cowley. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 73 years, Elaine Faye Byrd; daughters, Diane White and husband Todd, Cindy Sheffield, Debbie Westbrook and husband Wayne, Paula Waggy and husband Jerry; 9 grandchildren, Misty Lively, Matthew Dillard, Candace Johnson, Justin Westbrook, Jerad Waggy, Cody Dillard, Joshua Waggy, Ashley Sanders, and Danielle Cunningham; 22 great-grandchildren, Katlynn Hoover, Kaden and Kaleb Riley, Brianna Hanna, Angelina Dillard, Avery and Samuel Johnson, Aiden and Emma Westbrook, Jacob, Isabelle and Priya Waggy, Selina, Bailey, Nolan and Micah Dillard, Kylie and Kylah Waggy, Layton and Lawson Sanders, Andrew Cunningham and Ella Grace; and 1 great-great-grandchild, Brantley.

Pallbearers will be Matthew Dillard, Jerad Waggy, Justin Westbrook, Cody Dillard, Joshua Waggy, and Blayne Sanders.

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Felix O. Byrd Jr.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 28 at 02:42 PM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Felix O. Byrd Jr.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 24 at 10:47 AM



“ Faith and Larry Sarratt purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Felix O. Byrd Jr..



Faith and Larry Sarratt - April 28 at 11:00 AM

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“ Faith and Larry Sarratt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Felix O. Byrd Jr..

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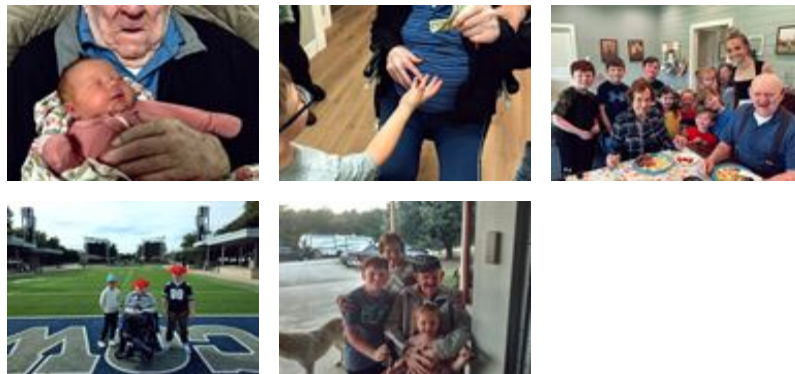
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Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 25 at 04:07 PM



“ 80 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 24 at 10:35 AM

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“ I've known my good friend Felix "Red", since serving with him in Tsingtao, China in 1948, in USMC. He's the last survivor that I know of, so I am probably not going to be far behind him. May he rest in peace and may God give his family peace after a long battle to stay with them.

David C. Swann, Santa Maria, CA

David C.Swann - April 21 at 04:16 PM

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“ Debbie and family purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Felix O. Byrd Jr..



Debbie and family - April 21 at 02:43 PM