



Forest W.C. Rathbun

March 12, 1931 - September 9, 2019

Services for Forest Rathbun, 88, of Lufkin, Texas will be held Thursday, September 12, 2019, 11 am at Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church, Tyler TX with Pastor Richard Luna officiating. Burial and final interment will follow on 2019 at Ida Grove Cemetery, Ida Grove, IA under the direction of Christiansen-Van Houten Funeral Home.

Mr. Rathbun passed away peacefully Monday, September 9, 2019 in Lufkin, TX.

Forest was born March 12, 1931 to Arthur and Pearle Rathbun at their home in Ida Grove, IA. He was a graduate of Ida Grove High School, Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Sioux City, IA in and from St. Mary's Hospital School of Anesthesia, Duluth, MN in 1959. He has held numerous positions including that of Administrator and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) at Renville County Hospital, Olivia, MN. He also performed the duties of CRNA at Rice Memorial Hospital Wilmar, MN, Scottsbluff, NE and prior to his retirement celebration of 50 years of service, East Tyler Medical Center (ETMC), Tyler, TX. He was an active participant of the Tyler HAM radio club and an active parish member of Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church in Tyler, TX. He was a loving father, loving husband, a respected Nurse Anesthetist and an amazingly charitable human being.

Forest was preceded in death by a baby boy Rathbun; his sister, Janice Rathbun; and his parents Arthur and Pearle Rathbun. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 67 years, Wilda Rathbun; his children, Cherri

Kahmann, Perry Rathbun, Carrie Donaghey, Barry Rathbun; his grandchildren, Sunshine Kahmann, Zachery Kahmann, Joshua Rathbun, Jacob Rathbun, Jordan Rathbun, Nick Rathbun, Emily Rathbun, Brianna Rathbun, Cody Strange, Cady Strange, Carissa Winthrop; and nine great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Joshua Rathbun, Jacob Rathbun, Jordan Rathbun, Nick Rathbun, Cody Strange and Andy Kahmann. Honorary pallbearers will be Perry Rathbun, Barry Rathbun, Sunshine Kahmann, Zach Kahmann, Cady Strange, Carissa Winthrop, Emily Rathbun, and Brianna Rathbun.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on September 11, 2019 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

Forest's passing is a great loss to his family and to all that knew him.

May he forever rest in peace.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **11.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

SEP **12.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church
417 CR 1143
Tyler, TX 75704

Tribute Wall

VB

“ Vicki And Randy Burbach lit a candle in memory of Forest W.C. Rathbun



Vicki and Randy Burbach - September 25, 2019 at 01:54 PM

VB

Wilda: We are deeply saddened to learn of Forest's passing. We have cherished and appreciated the friendship we have had with you and Forest for the past 25 years. Our hearts are heavy with this news and we are sending our love to you at this very sad and difficult time. Blessings to you, dear friend.

Vicki-Randy Burbach - September 25, 2019 at 01:56 PM

GT

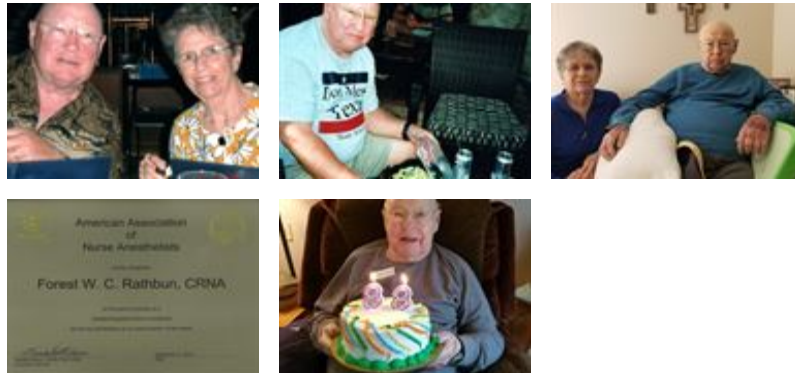
“ Gay Tyra lit a candle in memory of Forest W.C. Rathbun



gay tyra - September 16, 2019 at 05:47 PM



“ 57 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - September 11, 2019 at 05:33 PM

SL

“ Sue Lowes lit a candle in memory of Forest W.C. Rathbun



Sue Lowes - September 11, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Forest W.C. Rathbun.



September 11, 2019 at 09:58 AM

LM

“ Loretta Martinez sent a virtual gift in memory of Forest W.C. Rathbun



Loretta Martinez - September 11, 2019 at 04:22 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Forest W.C. Rathbun.



September 10, 2019 at 10:39 PM

DH

“ Dick & Maxine Herdina lit a candle in memory of Forest W.C. Rathbun



Dick & Maxine Herdina - September 10, 2019 at 09:29 PM

DH

Like I said before Heaven has a great man. God Bless Wilda and family. They were great neighbors I still remember cleaning chickens 🐔 at their farm. Great fun 😍😊

Dick & Maxine Herdina - September 10, 2019 at 09:35 PM

JK

Forest was a friend, mentor and colleague. I was blessed for having known him! We celebrate his life with you.

John and Lou Ann Knorr

John Knorr - September 13, 2019 at 05:09 PM

RC

“*Forest was a dear friend and close colleague of mine in the anesthesia business. He will truly be missed. God bless Wilda and the rest of the family.*

Rick Featherston, CRNA

Rick Featherston, CRNA - September 10, 2019 at 06:38 PM