



Garth Byron King

May 23, 1919 - January 12, 2013

Graveside services for Garth Byron King, 93, of Tyler, will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 10:00 AM with Rev. Gerry Giles officiating at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler.

Born May 23, 1919, in Temple, Texas to the late Pearle S. King and G. Byron King, Garth passed away January 12, 2013. Garth was a graduate of Tyler High School and attended Tyler Junior College. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 68 years, Mary Earle King and their infant son, William Ray King. He is survived by his two sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen C. King and Patricia King, of Houston; David G. King and Marsha C. King, of Atlanta, Georgia; and two granddaughters, Katherine (Kaki) King, of Brooklyn, New York, and Karen King Pizel, of Atlanta, Georgia.

Part of The Greatest Generation, Garth enlisted in the 12th Air Force as a B25 Bomber pilot in WWII. On a mission over Italy, his aircraft was shot down by German artillery and he was captured while en route to a concentration camp, he escaped captivity and ultimately joined the Italian Resistance, where he participated in the liberation of the concentration camp that would have been his destination. He was awarded the Bronze Star for Bravery in Combat, and never failed to say that "he just had a job to do". He returned to the United States and trained pilots until the end of the war.

Garth resumed his civilian life in Tyler, and enjoyed a successful career as a sales manager for George Bane Machinery Co. Upon retirement at age 62, he

embarked on another career as a professional driver, ultimately retiring from Enterprise Rentals at age 91.

The family sends a special thanks to Kenneth Jones, his friend and neighbor, whose support meant so much to both Garth and the family, and to Glenda Grubbs, whose loving care made Garth's journey much easier.

Visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2013 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX. 75701.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Graveside Serv.

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Rose Hill Cemetery
2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Garth Byron King.*



January 15, 2013 at 02:03 PM



“ *King & King Staff purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Garth Byron King.*



King & King Staff - January 15, 2013 at 02:01 PM



“ *King & King Staff purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Garth Byron King.*



King & King Staff - January 15, 2013 at 01:58 PM