



Gene Edward McKnight Sr.

February 15, 1927 - November 9, 2014

Services for Gene Edward McKnight, Sr., 87, of Tyler, will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at 11:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel at with Rev. Gerry Giles officiating.

A private burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. McKnight, a longtime Tyler resident, passed away Sunday, November 9, 2014, at a private care facility in Tyler.

He was born February 15, 1927, in New Salem to Edgar Oscar and Velma Mullins McKnight. Although his father's second wife, Emma Blanch Irby, was like a mother to him, Gene was raised during the Depression by his grandparents Aaron A. and Cora Ellen Irwin.

A hard worker his entire life, Mr. McKnight was employed by Chicago Bridge and Iron in his younger years, becoming a Brookshire's Grocery manager later on for over a decade. In the early eighties, he made a career as a petroleum landman, and continued with that career until retirement.

Mr. McKnight and his late wife, Joyce Ferrier McKnight, were members of Marvin United Methodist Church and the Friendly Class, and were active in the community. An early riser with lots of energy, he took advantage of life's opportunities and lived life to the fullest.

Gene was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Ferrier McKnight; daughter Judy Hubbard; and brothers Manual and Herschel McKnight.

He is survived by his loving family including daughters Karen McKnight and

Nancy Susan McAnulty of Ashdown, Arkansas; son Gene E. McKnight, Jr., and wife Sherry of Ben Wheeler; stepson Kevin Ferrier and wife Kaye of Tyler, both of whom have been a cherished presence in the family's life during these waning years; brothers Irby, Jerry, Archie, Tom and Earl McKnight; and sisters Verna Fruge and Cora Byars. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation is scheduled from 10:00-11:00 AM on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Service

NOV 12. 11:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

TM

“ *Ty & Jennifer McKnight lit a candle in memory of Gene Edward McKnight Sr.*



Ty & Jennifer McKnight - November 12, 2014 at 04:58 PM

SE

“ *Sharon E. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gene Edward McKnight Sr..*



Sharon E. - November 12, 2014 at 08:02 AM

RP

“ *Sorry to hear of the passing of Gene. He was my brother-in-law for almost 18 years. I always admired him for his ambition. He was very kind to me at a hard time in my life. For that, I appreciated him very much. He will be missed.*
Raye Butcher Parnell



Raye Butcher Parnell - November 11, 2014 at 02:32 PM

DC

“ *Donna Cockrell lit a candle in memory of Gene Edward McKnight Sr.*



donna cockrell - November 10, 2014 at 09:19 PM

SM

“ *Susan McAnulty lit a candle in memory of Gene Edward McKnight Sr.*



Susan McAnulty - November 10, 2014 at 06:20 PM

CY

“ *Cy lit a candle in memory of Gene Edward McKnight Sr.*



cy - November 10, 2014 at 06:19 PM

PP

“ *Patra P. purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Gene Edward McKnight Sr..*



Patra P. - November 10, 2014 at 03:40 PM