



Gene O'Donnell

April 18, 1930 - June 24, 2017

Services for Gene O'Donnell, 87, of Tyler, Texas, will be held on Thursday, July 6, 2017, at First Christian Church Tyler with Dr. Chris Pulliam officiating. A Friends of Gene Reception and Memorial Service will begin at 6:30 PM.

Gene was born in Greenville, Texas, on April 18, 1930, to the late Abner Spurgeon O'Donnell and Helen Josephine (Roberts) O'Donnell.

He grew up in Terrell, Texas, graduating Terrell High School in 1949. He then went to Lon Morris College and graduated there in 1951. Following two years in the service of the United States Army, he entered Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, and graduated in 1955.

Gene then moved to Dallas and for the next 24 years was in outside sales for Texas Envelope Company, a subsidiary of Champion International. He then formed his own company to broker printing services.

Gene married Clara Louise Chitwood on May 4, 1968. They remained in Dallas until the early 1990's when they began their retirement by first moving to Hide-A-Way Lake near Tyler, Texas. Later they built, and enjoyed for ten years, a second home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where they loved to invite friends from Dallas and Hide-A-Way to join them to enjoy the views at sunset of the distant mountains. Lastly, they returned to East Texas and have lived in

Tyler since.

Gene was a member of First Christian Church Tyler and the Tyler Rotary Club. He was formerly an active member of the Dallas Rotary Club, the Dallas Executives Association and activities promoting Santa Fe Boy Scout activities.

He is survived by Clara, his loving wife and very best friend. Honorary pallbearers are Don Cunyus, Leroy Howard, Darrell Jones, Jim Moser, Jack Murdock and Afton Pike.

Memorials may be made to the Memorial Fund, First Christian Church Tyler, 4202 South Broadway, Tyler, TX 75702 or to the choice of the donor.

Previous Events

Reception and Memorial Service

JUL 6. 6:30 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
4202 S. Broadway
Tyler, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ Clara Lou,
I was so very sorry to read the notice of Gene's death in today's paper. Please know that Paul and I send prayers of comfort to you at this sad time. May you be surrounded by God's love and the love of all your friends.

*Love,
Betty and Paul Watson
9919 Estate Lane
Dallas TX 75238*

Betty Watson - July 03, 2017 at 05:10 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy Clara. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love a Troy and Jean*



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