



George Aiken

June 26, 1922 - July 11, 2007

Services for George F. Aiken, Sr., 85 of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2007 at 10:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Dr. Bob Mayfield officiating. Burial will follow in the Flint Cemetery in Flint under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Aiken passed, Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at the UT Health Center in Tyler. He was born June 26, 1922 in Anderson, SC to the late George Riley and Eula (Richey) Aiken. George was a local resident of Tyler and the Gresham area most of his life. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Gresham. On July 17, 1942 he married the love of his life, Rivie Lee "Ruby" Cope in Harlingen, TX. During World War II he received the American Defense Service Medal while serving his country as a United States Army Master Sergeant. George later went on to work for the Tyler Independent School District for 25 years and retired in 1978 as a Maintenance Supervisor. He was known as a good provider and loving husband, father, and grandfather. Mr. Aiken was preceded in death by his parents; son, George "Butch" Aiken, Jr. George is survived by his loving family including his wife of 65 years, Rivie "Ruby" Aiken; four daughters, Carolyn Rice and husband David of Lake City, CO, Pam Steinbeck and husband Greg of Cedar Falls, Iowa, Tina Saxon and husband Mack of Tyler, and Karla Hutchinson and husband Joe of Tyler; son, William Aiken and wife Bess of Garland; fifteen grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; and beloved sister, Edna McGrew of Myrtle Beach, SC. Pallbearers will be Joey Aiken, Joseph William Aiken, Brian Aiken, Aaron Aiken, Chad Brantley, Keith Rice, and Matt Cooper.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Willie Austin. The family will receive friends from 6:00 - 8:00 PM Friday, July 13, 2007, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of George may be made to Hospice Of East Texas; 4111 University Blvd, Tyler 75702. Special thanks and love to Tina and Karla for giving unselfishly of their time in caring for their dad. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ Hello Mrs. Aiken,
It is with sadness in my heart that I write you this note; however, I wanted you to know that I'm thinking about you and praying that God will give you strength during this time of sorrow.

Congratulations on your 65th wedding anniversary. Yes, I know Mr. Aiken didn't quite make it, but God blessed you with almost 65 years together. Isn't God good to us?

Tina is one of my dearest friends. I also know William and Carla. I know you are proud of all of your children.
May God continue to bless you.

Jim Powell

Jim Powell - July 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Tina and family, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. You are in my thoughts and prayers. We lost my Dad June 1, 2007 at Hospice.

Debbie Bolton S. Osburn - July 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Tina, William, Karla, and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I know you take great comfort in knowing your dad isn't suffering anymore.
Let me say also how much I appreciate his service to our country. He was truly a part of the greatest generation. Their fight to keep our freedom is a legacy never to be forgotten or taken for granted.
Love to you all and I am praying for your strength during this time.

Jan Barton - July 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Mr. Aiken was a blessing to our quartet. On numerous occasions he was brought to our concerts in his wheel chair and would make sure he saw us individually before he left. Tina, thank you for all the things you did for your dad and for helping him to be a blessing to The New Plainsmen Quartet. Our prayers are with you all.*

Billy Dotson - July 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *I never had the opportunity to meet Mr Aiken but I worked with Karla at Store 39 in Flint. Mr Aiken built a shelf for my printer. I will always remember his kindness. He has left that Legacy to his Children. My Prayers are with you all.*

Connie Pessink - July 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Carolyn,*

I love you so much and I know exactly what you are going through. Just know that you and the entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. Tell Kim and Keith I love them and will be praying for all of you.

LaRee Bossier - July 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers*

Mark and Jacquie Day - July 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ A very sweet and gentle man entered the gates of heaven 7/11/2007. I met Mr. Aiken when he first went into the nursing home and I went for a visit, he was a spirited pistol - for sure!!! He left behind a very special family who loved him dearly. Mrs. Aiken 65 years of marriage...what an example of what true love is. To each family member, please know that you are all in my prayers and I am here for you, if there is anything I can do for you! Mrs. Tina, you are a jewel of a friend -just know your sweet daddy is at peace now in heaven with my daddy talking about their girls!!!

Reta Spradlin - July 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM