



Gerald D. Emmons

February 3, 1926 - November 14, 2014

Gerald Emmons gave up his life on Earth on Friday, November 14, 2014 at the age of 88. He was born February 3, 1926 to Clifford Clyde and Ruby Wood Emmons.

Serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he was awarded 2 bronze stars. He took his boot training at Camp Walters in Mineral Wells, Texas and advanced training at Camp Maxey in Paris, Texas. He prepared for overseas at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, departed from Ft. Mead, Maryland and landed at La Havre, France before heading to the front lines in Germany. Gerald returned to the United States in 1945 and was discharged in 1947. He then served three years in the National Guard with the rank of Staff Sergeant. Gerald received his 50 year life membership from all of the Masonic and Shrine Temple. His unit work was with the Legion of Honor (made up of veterans). His last act of patriotism was placing American flags at William Cemetery for his former family members. His philanthropic work was aiding shut-ins and helping raise money for the Shiner's Hospital. His working years were spent in sales. He was involved in sports, officiating in softball, baseball, basketball, football and was a member of the Southwest District Football Association. Several years were spent working as a Strutter at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Surviving Gerald is his wife, Louise Sloan Emmons and spent 68 years in marriage together; two daughters, Phyllis Ann Gross and Sue Frost of Garland; granddaughter, Amy Gross Anderson and husband B.A. Anderson;

grandson, Robert Gross and wife Angie and; great-grandchildren, Gavin, Shane, Lydia and Jeanie; brothers, Kenneth Emmons and John Emmons; sisters, Polly Shiflett and Barbara Hubbard. He is preceded in death by his parents; and four brothers, Edwin, Audrey, Sidney and Richard Emmons. A Masonic Service will be held Monday, November 17, 2014 at 1:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Pastor Kenny Kirkwood officiating, with visitation one hour before service.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Graveside Serv.

NOV 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Oh Louise my heart aches for you and your family. Gerald always treated me as close friend or adoptive daughter, he brightened my life with his smile and wonderful hugs, I will miss him, and I'm sorry I can not be there today for you, I will come by and visit, I wish I had of sooner, but I will always remember that sweet caring man. Know that my prays are with you and if I do anything for you please ask.
Love you
Charlotte Green

PQ Charlotte Green - November 17, 2014 at 01:14 PM

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“ To All The Family, My Name Is Jerry Dowdy--We Have Lost A Friend And A Man Who Cares For The City Of Tyler.He Has Many Friends In The Car Sales In Tyler And All Of East Texas. Gerald All Ways Gave Helping Hand To Everyone.He Has A New Address Today.May The Love Of Jesus Comfort You.. My Thoughts And Love----Jerry-Shirley.Dowdy

Jerry Dowdy - November 17, 2014 at 11:58 AM

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“ Just wanted to share my condolences to the family. We got to be such good friends following our trip to see all the sights in Washington. Gerald was such a supporter of our trips and was always there to help send off the next group. He was a true American Hero and I know he was also a great man to all of you who were a part of his family. He will be missed in this world but will be a blessing to all throughout eternity!
Rick Ellis

Rick Ellis - November 17, 2014 at 07:58 AM



“ *Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Gerald D. Emmons*



Kelley Uzzell - November 17, 2014 at 07:20 AM