



James Clyde Davenport

September 5, 1923 - October 8, 2013

A memorial service for J. Clyde Davenport, 90, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at 11:00 AM at First Baptist Church with Rev. Pike Wisner officiating.

A private burial will be held prior to the service at Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Davenport passed away October 8, 2013 at the Hamptons in Tyler. He was born September 5, 1923 in Nash to James Walter and Etta Cooper Davenport.

Clyde was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Tyler and a member of the CIA Sunday school class. Following his service in the US Army Air Corp, Clyde attended TJC where he played basketball. Clyde served in WWII in England, France and Germany during the Battle of the Bulge. He was owner and operator of the Optical House and he taught ophthalmic dispensing at TJC for 14 years. Clyde loved the outdoors and water sports such as scuba diving. He lovingly and patiently taught his children and grandchildren how to water ski. Every Saturday was spent with his family on Lake Tyler enjoying the water sports he loved. He was also a member of HAMM at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport.

Clyde is preceded in death by his parents and 3 sisters. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 66 years, Bettie Davenport of Tyler; daughters, Dianne Rex and husband Jim of Tyler, Linda Herrman and husband Randy of Leavenworth, KS; son, David L. Davenport and wife

Debbie of Flint; grandchildren, Ryan Rex, Brandon Rex, Matt Herrman and wife Kierstin, Jennifer Ko and husband Dae, Amanda Whiteland and husband Mark and Lee Davenport and Nicole. He is also survived by eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday, October 11, 2013 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Hospice of East Texas Foundation 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, 75701, or Meals on Wheels, 3001 Robertson Rd, Tyler, 75701.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Mem. Service

OCT 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
301 W. Ferguson
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall

MH

“ So sorry to hear of Clyde's death. I'm sure he and dad are catching up! Betty, you and Clyde meant so much to mom and dad. They loved you both. Will pray for you. Love, Matt Haws family.

matt haws - October 12, 2013 at 07:02 AM

DS

“ I have fond memories of Clyde Davenport and all of his beautiful family! He was a distinguished member of the US Army Air Corp and I thank him for his service of our country. Clyde was a consummate professional Optician and gave his clients second to none! Clyde's family and his church were always number one! The Shieldes family will miss Clyde!

Dan Shieldes - October 11, 2013 at 09:08 PM

JO

“ Clyde was a great guy to work with and learn from and a legend in his own time.
He will be missed by all. Johnny Shieldes

John - October 11, 2013 at 08:46 PM

KH

“ What a dear man, and a lovely family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Kathy Shieldes Harry

Kathy Shieldes Harry - October 11, 2013 at 07:20 AM

TW

“ I remember Clyde and Bettie at First Baptist Church when I was a teenager. I remember Clyde's kindness and gracious spirit. He was always an encourager. My prayers are with Clyde's family at this time of great loss. Tom Willoughby

Tom Willoughby - October 09, 2013 at 08:35 PM

JG

“ Many wonderful memories of Clyde and family at Lake Tyler on the boat and barge! He was a dear, sweet and kind man who will be missed by many.

Jill Hendrix Gilmer - October 09, 2013 at 04:31 PM