



Jerry Clay

August 6, 1936 - March 30, 2010

Jerry Harold Clay of Tyler passed away March 30, 2010, at the age of 73. Visitation will be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler on Thursday, April 1, 2010, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Funeral services will be held at First Christian Church of Tyler on Friday, April 2, 2010, at 2:00 P.M, with Dr. Chris Pulliam and Rev. Kayla Coffee-Prose officiating. Interment will be at Rose Hill Cemetery immediately following the service. Jerry was born in Athens on August 6, 1936, the youngest child of Jessie and Eunice Clay. He spent his youth in Athens along with his brothers, Tom, Leon and Pete, and his sister, Doris. He graduated from Athens High School in 1954 and continued his education at the University of Texas at Austin where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1959. After graduation, Jerry began a long and fulfilling career in the oil and gas industry. In the 1960s through the 1980s he co-founded and worked with the Carlon Oil and Millican Oil companies. Jerry founded White Rock Exploration in 2000 along with his son, Richard. He was a longtime member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and remained an active participant in the oil industry until the time of his death. Jerry married Dixi Sue Rhoades of Pampa, Texas, on August 3, 1963, in Canyon, Texas. They made their home in Tyler where they raised two sons Kyle and Richard. Jerry's family was very precious to him. He was a beloved husband, father, brother and friend. Jerry was a philanthropist and was very involved in the community. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Tyler. Preceding him in death are his parents, Jessie Lee Clay and

Eunice Lee Carroll Clay; brothers, Thomas W. Clay and James Leon Clay; and infant son, Corey. He leaves behind his loving wife Dixi and sons, Kyle and Richard, along with their wives, Anna and Amy, and grandson, Jacob Brown; also, sister Doris Oliver of Dripping Springs, and brother A. Carroll "Pete" Clay of Tyler. He will be missed by his family and the numerous friends he made over the years. Honorary pallbearers are Curtis "Curlis" Mooring of Mineola; and Merwyn Pickle, Bill Hughes, Jim Knowles, and Ronnie Schoenbrun, all of Tyler. The family will be endowing a scholarship at the University of Texas School of Engineering in Jerry's honor. Memorials may be made out to the Jerry H. Clay Scholarship Fund, and sent to 102 N. College Ave., Suite 507, Tyler, Texas 75702.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sorry for your loss.*

John Cockerell - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Our deepest condolences to Dixie Sue, Richard and Amy, Kyle and Anna.*

We grieve the loss of a great man and friend. Much love to all.

Clark and Patricia Hampe - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *Dixie - I have wonderful and funny memories of Jerry from our reunions and Anita's service. Please know that my prayers and thoughts are with you and your boys at this time. Nancy*

Nancy Coley Wilson - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *I truly enjoyed knowing Jerry. He was always jovial and happy, and had a story to tell. He helped me many times with questions I had about oil and gas business and I learned a lot from him. I will truly miss him. May the Lord bless and keep the family during this very difficult time.*

Sincerely, Anne Forst

Anne Forst - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dixie,
Please know I am so sorry for your loss. I have only known Jerry from our class reunions and He seemed such a nice man and a wonderful husband. I have been in that place you find yourself and will pray for God's comfort and strength for you and yours. Love,
Jerry

Jerry Shelton Clark - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

Glenda(Weeks)Malone - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dixi, Nita nad i will be keeping you and your familyin our prayers.
Joe

Joe Bynum - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ Dear Dixi, I am so sorry for your loss. I have been where you are at this time and my heart aches for you. You are in my prayers.

Love,
Wanda

Wanda (Guthrie) Passmore - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dixi Sue, please remember that our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Jerry was a wonderful man and he will be missed.

Johnnie and Gary Griffin - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM