



Kenneth Leo Prater

November 9, 1926 - April 26, 2013

Services for Kenneth L. Prater, 86, of Tyler, will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 1:30 PM at Westwood Baptist Church with Rev. Bennie Portwood and Tom Crawford officiating.

Private burial will follow at Cathedral of the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Prater passed away Friday, April 26, 2013 in Tyler.

He was born November 9, 1926 in Tyler to the late Leeman Leo and Gladys Rhea Tunnell Prater.

Kenneth was a member of Westwood Baptist Church where he served as an usher for many years. He graduated from Tyler High school and attended Tyler Junior College. He also served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Prater retired from the Cotton Belt Railroad after forty-three years.

Baseball was a special part of his life from Tyler High School to semi-pro ball with the Edom Redbirds. He continued his love of sports by playing and coaching softball for Queen Street Baptist Church and Cotton Belt Railroad. After retirement, he stayed active helping his wife with her duties as student activities director at TJC and enjoyed driving the cheerleaders to games. He and his wife spent many enjoyable hours attending TJC sporting events. He was proud of the fact that he attended one hundred twenty-three consecutive TJC football games.

He is survived by his loving family including wife of sixty-five years, Emma Lou Wyatt Prater of Tyler; two daughters, Sherry Patterson of Longview and

Sandy Adams and husband Rick, of Lufkin; grandchildren, Jason Adams and wife Crystal, Rebecca Rodriguez and husband Kris, all of Lufkin, Jennifer Lowe of Longview, and Julie Odom and husband Jason, of Wylie; great-grandchildren, Regan and Alex Rodriguez, Kolby Adams, and Cole and Caden Odom; sisters, Fern Timmons of Van and Mary Jones of Tyler; and several nieces and nephews. His faithful dog Sugar was with him to the end. Pallbearers will be his grandchildren.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday, April 29, 2013 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, Memorial contributions may be made to Kenneth Prater Scholarship at Tyler Junior College, PO Box 9020, Tyler, Texas 75711-9020 or Westwood Baptist Church, 820 N. Northwest Loop 323 Tyler, Texas 75702.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

APR **30**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Westwood Baptist Church
820 N. Northwest Loop 323
Tyler, TX

Tribute Wall

CV

“ Dear Sherry and Sandy, this is Chari, Joe and I are so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. I have the sweetest memory of him, the best of it all is that we will rejoice with him in heaven!
I have been wanting to get in touch with you and your mom since months ago, we are at Houston and will be here until June.
Our prayers are with you these days, God Bless you all!
Love you,
Chari
charinuva@yahoo.com

Chari Vasquez - May 01, 2013 at 10:18 PM

DC

“ I know Mr. Prater is in his heavenly home and no longer in pain. Praying for the family in this time of sorrow and healing. Love you.



David and Carleta Cates - April 29, 2013 at 08:33 PM

GJ

“ Gary Jeffers lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leo Prater



Gary Jeffers - April 29, 2013 at 03:02 PM

KM

“ *Sherry, Walter and I are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*
Walter and Kim Middleton

Kim Middleton - April 29, 2013 at 11:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leo Prater.*



April 28, 2013 at 08:28 PM

DT

“ *Our sweet neighbors for 32 years. We will miss you Mr. Prater and we will look after your sweet wife. Our thoughts, prayers and love are with the family. God Bless you all.*
Love, Donna & Jay Turner

Donna Turner - April 28, 2013 at 03:20 PM