



Lamar Crawford,

November 19, 1920 - December 22, 2011

Services for Lamar S. Crawford, Sr., 91, of Tyler, Texas will be held on Wednesday, December 28 at 3:30 pm at Stewart Family Funeral Home, Tyler with Dr. Paul Powell officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, El Dorado, Arkansas on Thursday, December 29 at 11:00 am under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Crawford passed away Thursday, December 22, 2011 at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. He was born November 19, 1920 in Union County, Arkansas to Roy and Zola Crawford and moved to the Tyler area in 1981. Mr. Crawford was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps throughout World War II, and was one of only thirteen Marines who survived while serving aboard the USS Arizona which was sunk in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii at the time of the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. He continued to serve in various Marine air and ground units in the Pacific for the duration of the war and received an honorable discharge in 1946. He later served as a Commissioned Postal Inspector for the United States Postal Inspection Service for twenty years and retired in 1976 with 35 years combined government service. He was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, the National Association of Retired Postal Inspectors, and Green Acres Baptist Church. He was a 1939 graduate of El Dorado High School, El Dorado, Arkansas, and attended Chillicothe Business College, Chillicothe, Missouri, and a three year U.S. Postal Inspection Service Training Program in Washington, D.C. and Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Crawford was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Zola Crawford; four

brothers, James Carleton Crawford, John Roy Crawford, Billy Morris Crawford, and Donald Keith Crawford; and one sister, Mary Faye Crawford Allred. He was also preceded in death by two daughters, Cora Nan Crawford Strain and Julia Marguerite Crawford. Lamar is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 69 years, Mildred Munday Crawford of Tyler, Texas; and son and daughter in law, Lamar Jr. and Linda Crawford of Knoxville, Tennessee. He is also survived by a grandson, William Glenn Strain, Jr. of Dallas, Texas; granddaughter, Julia Strain Sippl of Plano, Texas; and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be on Wednesday, December 28 at 2:30 pm, one hour prior to the 3:30 pm service, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas. Memorials in honor of Lamar Crawford may be made to the Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701 or to an organization of your choice.

Tribute Wall

LW

“ *SALUTE!
Stand Down Your Job Is Done.*

Leland Watts - December 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Larry/Linda:

Sorry to hear about your father. Your family will be in our prayers!*

Rudy

Rudy Green - December 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ *My condolences go out to the Crawford Family and especialy to
Larry (Lamar Jr.) and Linda*

Vic Geerts - December 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Larry & Linda: My condolences on the loss of Larry's dad. May he
rest in peace.*

Carole Hanna - December 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I am sorry I did not know Lamar but for a short period of time, I can tell you I am a better person for knowing Lamar Smead Crawford and Mildred Mundy Crawford. He and she make me very proud to be a Christian, American, and a Marine. A great package!

God Bless the Crawford family!

S/F The Sowell Family

tom sowell - December 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Larry & Family,
We are sorry for your loss.
Janice & Gary

Gary & Janice Kinney - December 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ Lamar Crawford was a genuine piece of history. As the last surviving Marine of the USS Arizona, he was an invaluable resource. Over the years, I grew to know him not just as a USS Arizona survivor, but as a friend. I will truly miss him.

Nancy A. Nease - December 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ It was because of men like Lamar, a member of the Greatest Generation, that we were able to grow up free. He lived a full and complete life, had a wonderful family who can take much pride in all that he accomplished, and we who carry on are better for the legacy he left us.

Stephen McNally - December 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Lamar has left a great legacy. A dedicated Christian, husband, father and grandfather. As well as his service to the Nation.* ”

Tom and Beverly Hall - December 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM