



Leon T. Abbott

May 8, 1929 - April 10, 2013

Services for Leon T. Abbott, 83, of Tyler, will be held on Sunday, April 14, 2013 at 1:30 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Ron Wells and Brother Tom Crawford officiating.

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

Mr. Abbott was born May 8, 1929 in Mart to Edgar and Romaine Abbott.

Mr. Abbott passed away Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at The Hospice of East Texas surrounded by his loving family.

Leon married the love of his life, Christine Lorene Parmer in 1951. They celebrated nearly 50 years together before Christine went to be with the Lord in November of 2000. During their loving marriage they had two children, Karen Lea and Thomas Michael.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1948 to 1952. Leon was a longtime and still active Deacon at Westwood Baptist Church. He retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in 1983 and was an active partner in Rose city Telcom until 1990.

He was a loving and devoted father, husband, grandfather and friend, always ready and willing to help anyone in need. Strong in character and faith, he was simply a great man. He was the rock of the family and will be greatly missed. We find comfort knowing Dad is now with our Mom.

In addition to his parents Leon was preceded in death by his wife, Christine.

He is survived by his loving family including daughter, Karen Plyler and

husband Charles of Flint; son, Tom Abbott and wife Marcia of San Angelo; grandchildren, Jennifer Jackson, Jared Plyler, Katie Abbott and Kelsey Abbott; three great-grandchildren; brother, Lewis Abbott and wife Alice and sister-in-law, Norma Stanley.

Pallbearers will be Marvin Sudduth, Phil Stanley, Jared Plyler, Don Cook, David Stafford and Bob Stagner.

Visitation is scheduled from 12:30 to 1:30 PM, one hour prior to the service on Sunday, April 14, 2013 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to Westwood Baptist Church, 820 NNW Loop 323, Tyler, Texas 75702 or The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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

Service

APR 14. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Leon, you were the ultimate gentleman and always had a warm hug and embrace for those you cared about. My sons Steve and Damon thought you were the kind of a man their own father was and respected you enormously. We loved you and it meant a lot to me that we talked recently and were able to share our mutual care for each other. I hope your family finds warm comfort in knowing the wonderful man their father and grandfather was in his earthly life. Our lives were blessed to have known you. Warm fuzzies to you always, Deane

Deane Jones - April 12, 2013 at 06:59 PM

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“ I have lost a good friend. Leon was one of the most giving, kind, gentle person. I will miss that mischievous smile. My prayers go out to his family members. He let all of my family know that he loved each of us and always stayed in touch. I know bells were ringing when he arrived to his eternal place of rest. Love you Leon.

Reba Armstrong - April 11, 2013 at 06:09 PM