



Melvin Dietrich

December 6, 1920 - October 3, 2009

Dr. Melvin Dietrich, 88, of Tyler passed away on October 3, 2009 in Tyler. Services will be planned at a later date under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Dr. Dietrich was born in Dewey, Oklahoma to the late Melvin and Lillian Dietrich. He was raised in Newton, Kansas where he graduated from high school. Dr. Dietrich proudly served his country as a Captain in the United States Marine Corp. He graduated from Naval Aviation Training before the beginning of World War II and flew Corsair airplanes. He was a fighter pilot and was based on many islands in the South Pacific during World War II. After the war, he went on to graduate from Kansas State University as a doctor of veterinary medicine, and practiced in Emporia, Kansas. Later, he and his wife, Mava Nell, fulfilled a lifelong dream by moving to the Florida Keys and for five years, they enjoyed living near the water and fishing. Dr. Dietrich was a gifted photographer and won several awards for his photos. In addition to his parents, Dr. Dietrich was preceded in death by a stepson, Robert Terry Westall. He is survived by a loving family including his wife of 42 years, Mava Nell Dietrich of Tyler; two sons, Thomas L. Westall and wife Judi of Chandler, and Clinton T. Westall and wife Debbie of Conway, Arkansas; grandchildren, Jessica Westall and Daniel Westall of Chandler, and Chad Westall of Little Rock, Arkansas; and daughter-in-law, Debbie Westall of Springfield, Missouri. Memorials in honor of Melvin Dietrich may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice of Tyler, 1402 Rice Road, Suite 100, Tyler, Texas 75703.

Tribute Wall

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“ I extend my sincere condolences to the entire Dietrich family. In this sad time know that God "is near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves."-Psalm 34:18 May this loving assurance and his precious promise that we can be reunited with our loved ones by means of a resurrection (John 5:28,29) bring you a measure of comfort now and in the days ahead.

Heather Daniels - October 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ He will always be remembered as you share the stories and the memories of how he lived his life and how very much he meant, may you find comfort...And, throughout this difficult time, may you also know the deep sympathy and concern that is felt for you and all your family. I have fought the fine fight, I have run the course to the finish, I have observed the faith.-2Timothy 4:7. As for me, I will lie down that I may sleep; I shall certainly awake, for Jehovah himself keeps supporting me. -Psalms 3:5

Magallon Family - October 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am sorry to learn about the death of Dr. Melvin Dietrich. This must have been a difficult time for all. Therefore, I am forwarding scripture to bring solace. Please, read the following scriptures: Psalm 90:10, Genesis 5:3-32 and Hebrews 9:27.

J Nunnally - October 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM