



Ottis B. "Ben" Garrett

February 6, 1926 - June 17, 2019

Mr. Ottis B. "Ben" Garrett Jr., 93, of Bryan, Texas passed away Monday, June 17, 2019 in College Station. A graveside service for Mr. Garrett, will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Rose Hill Mausoleum in Tyler with Rev. Jeff Gage officiating, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Garrett was born February 6, 1926 at the Odds Community of Limestone County, Texas, son of Ottis Benjamin Garrett Sr. and Florence Hensley Garrett. He attended Little Brazos Elementary School and Kosse High School, graduating there in May 1943. He then entered the U.S. Navy and served during World War II from June 1943 to September 1946, with duty in the South Pacific Theater of operations where he was attached to the Amphibious Forces in the assault on the Marianna (Tinian) Islands. After being Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Navy Ben was employed as a railroad trainman (brakeman) by the Southern Pacific Railroad--Texas & New Orleans Division —at Ennis & Houston from 1947 to 1950. He served as a member of the Texas Highway Patrol from February 1951 to March 1955 and was stationed at Brenham, Conroe and Houston during this period.

Ben and Mayme Louise Heflin were married May 9, 1951 in the First Methodist Church, Marlin, Falls County, Texas. When Ben resigned from the Texas Highway Patrol on March 1, 1955, he joined the Internal Security

Division of Humble Oil & Refining Company in Houston. Ben was a member of Humble Oil & Refining Security which was subsequently succeeded by Exxon Company, U.S.A. until retiring in September 1983. Ben and Mayme resided in Houston, Dallas, Midland, Humble and Tyler during Ben's employment with Humble/Exxon.

Ben was a member of Marvin Methodist Church, Tyler, AF&AM, Tyler Lodge #1233, 32nd Degree Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Valley of Dallas.

Ben is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mayme Louise Garrett; his parents; and two brothers, Jack Garrett and Basil Garrett; three sisters, Mary Gunter, Faye Garrett and Aylene Todd.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Shelley and her crew at Watercrest in Bryan and two caring and loving angels, Miriam Rosales and Edith Ramirez for allowing Ben to live all but his last month....independently.

In lieu of flowers and if desired, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Rose Hill Mausoleum
2455 Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall



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“ *Uncle Ben -Oh what a special man you were. I loved our fun sparring matches, the way you could make me laugh and I loved and cherished the time we spent together. I'll never forget your driving up to Ft Worth just to come to my wedding. That meant the world to me. Visits here in Ft Worth as well as at your home in Tyler. You and Mayme always welcomed us with open arms and hearts. Cruising around Tyler in your Thunderbird looking at azaleas and eating burgers at Jucy's.
I love you and will miss you.*

Shauna C. Garrett Ward

SC Ward - June 19, 2019 at 05:01 PM

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“ My wife Karen and I moved to Tyler at the end of 1990. We had the good fortune to live next to Ben and Mayme. We could not have had nicer neighbors. Over the course of our five year stay in Tyler, the two of them went from being neighbors to being good friends. In fact, one Christmas my parents were down from Ohio and our oven broke. You could imagine the panic for my Italian mother who cooked, cooked and cooked. However, there was no need to worry. Mayme came to our aid and offered her stove and Ben was so supportive. Ben was happy eating cheese and drinking a beer while dinner was being prepared.

In 1995, we were transferred back to Ohio and one of the hardest things we did was say goodbye to our pseudo parents -- Ben and Mayme. They were always so nice to us.

We want to express our deepest condolences to Ben's family. We will never forget our favorite neighbors, Ben and Mayme Garrett.

Regards,

Don Mullen
Akron, Ohio

Don Mullen - June 19, 2019 at 01:37 PM

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“ Rest In Peace Uncle Ben. God bless you, and the Garrett family, in Jesus name we pray. Love your niece Connie Garrett Howerton (Basil your brothers daughter).

connie Howerton - June 19, 2019 at 05:32 AM