



Ray Watson

February 28, 1926 - September 2, 2007

Ray Leland Watson, 81, of Tyler passed away Saturday, September 2, 2007 at the Hospice of East Texas. He was born February 28, 1926, in Pearland, Texas. After graduating from Pearland High School in 1943, he joined the Navy during which time he earned his Associate in Science Degree from the North Texas Agricultural College. After his discharge in 1946, Mr. Watson served four years in the Naval Reserve Unit in Houston. After the war, Mr. Watson joined the corporate headquarters of Humble Oil and Refining Company (later Exxon) in Houston where he worked 36 years as a production accountant. After initially retiring to Canyon Lake in 1982, he moved to Tyler in 1990. Preceded in death by his parents, Guy Leland and Dorothy Richards Watson, he is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Peggy Smith Watson; his son Gregory and wife Nelda Watson of Houston; daughter Cathy and husband John Reynolds of Tyler; granddaughter, Megan Lee Reynolds, formerly of Tyler; sister, Lois, and husband Lloyd Ross of Fredericksburg; two nieces and other family members. He was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church and the Seekers Class. Visitation will be Wednesday, September 5, 2007 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 6 at the Stewart Family Funeral Home chapel with Jimmy Jackson officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Memorial Gardens, 7825 S. Broadway, Tyler. Pallbearers include John Reynolds, Lonnie Richards, Lawrence Richards, Henry Wurzburg, Ken Cooper, Bruce Rhiddlehoover, Dick

Counts, and Joe Humphries. Honorary pallbearers include Lloyd Ross, Gordon Breedlove and Paul Russell. Memorials in honor of Ray may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, 75701. (For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.)

Tribute Wall

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“ Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to your family in your time of need.

Dana Santillan - September 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I knew Ray for over 65 years. He was my neighbor when we lived in the Manvel Oil Field. We rode the school bus together. He was a good friend, a good neighbor and an all around great guy. My sympathies are extended to Peggy and family.

Mickey Mark

John D. "Mickey" Mark - September 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ray and I became acquainted at the beginning of our first day at Pearland Elementary School back in 1932. Ray's sister Lois caught up with us a year or so later by advancing a grade. We graduated together in 1943. Ray and I played football on that 1941-42 and 1942-43 team with very good success during both seasons. I would visit with Ray sometimes at his residence out west of Pearland. I can still remember climbing that oil derrick in his back yard. We both went into the service soon after graduation and from then on saw very little of each other while working and raising our families. We both worked downtown Houston for some times prior to retirement and occasionally would see each other on the street to chat during lunch hour. Ray was my good friend and will be missed.

Charles Logan - September 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Codolences and all our sympathies to Ray's family*

Lois I will always remember Ray and I being team mates for The Oilers while you were playing a "mean" snare Drum in the Drum and Bugle Corp

Roy D Mark - September 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ *May family comfort you, faith uphold you and loving memories heal your heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you on this sad day. Your father was a lovely man and will be sadly missed. With heartfelt sympathy.*

Eva

Eva Pena - September 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ *Peggy,*

Our deepest sympathy to you. Ray is free now with Jesus. God bless you as you make this new journey. We love you.

Virginia Smith - September 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM