



## Raymond Cyril O'Neal

January 15, 1929 - April 7, 2009

Services for Raymond "Ray" O'Neal, 80 of Tyler, will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 11:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Paul Powell officiating. Private burial will follow at Sparkman Hillcrest Cemetery in Dallas, Texas. Mr. O'Neal passed away, Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at his home in Tyler. He was born January 15, 1929 in Dallas, Texas to Raymond Cyril O'Neal Sr. and Floy Ada Bridges O'Neal. Mr. O'Neal was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church. He was a graduate of Sunset High School, class of 1946. He attended Texas Western University, North Texas State University, and Brigham Young University. Mr. O'Neal then served his country in the U.S. Navy. He owned and operated the Ray C. O'Neal Real Estate Company in Dallas where he specialized in commercial real estate. He was also a historian and he loved to read and travel. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Dorothy Jean Montgomery and nephew Jay O'Neal; and also Patricia Colleen Connally. Mr. O'Neal is survived by his loving family including his wife of 23 years Colleen O'Neal of Tyler; her children, Cheryl and Kelly Sanders of Tyler and Julia and Shawn Sedate of Anthem Arizona; grandchildren, Thomas Browning, Phillip Sanders, Claire Sedate and Kyle Connally Sedate; brother John Franklin O'Neal of Arlington, VA; nephews, Steve Loras, Scott Loras, Carlton O'Neal, and Bryan Birkeland; and nieces D.J. Birkeland, Allison O'Neal, Kai O'Neal Newton and Joan Loras; and numerous great nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Thomas Browning, Phillip Sanders, Kyle Connally Sedate, Steve Loras, Scott Loras, Carlton

O'Neal and Bryan Birkeland. Honorary Pallbearers will be Raymond Bennett, Joe Moore, Dave Norris and Mac Hargrove. Visitation is scheduled from one hour prior to service from 10:00- 11:00 AM. Thursday, April 9, 2009, at Stewart Family Funeral Home 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of Raymond "Ray" O'Neal may be made to C.A.S.A. for Kids of East Texas, 318 E. 5th Street, Tyler, Texas 75701. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ Ray was a great friend and always a treat to be around. I will always remember his funny side. I will try to be there by 11AM.

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**Carl David Adams** - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ You could always laugh. We were at times, like oil & water, but we parted as friends. You found your true soulmate with Coleen, and she was a wonderful person and companion for you. I too found happiness, and as we saw each other through the years, all of us were friends. This is to your credit. My condolences to Coleen, a great lady.

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**Dona Hawley** - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I have been so fortunate to be included in the O'Neal family. Their children, spouses and many friends have lived a good life together. The laughter, tears and above all, affectionate love will endure as long as we are able to remember.

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**Mac Hargrove** - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Ray O'Neal will always be so special to me. He welcomed me into a wonderful family, always had a smile on his face and a joke to share. I have so many memories through the years of our fun times together. I have been enriched by Ray's presence in my life. My love goes to all of his family and especially Colleen, who is such a treasure.

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**Kelle Hill** - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM