



The Raymond Garvey

October 9, 1927 - March 15, 2012

The Reverend Raymond V. Garvey, 84, passed away March 15, 2012. Services will be held Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 2:00 PM at Highland Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Scott Mackey and Rev. David Smith officiating. Rev. Garvey was born in Kansas City, KS and spent most of his childhood in Leavenworth, KS. He married the former Eleanor Wallace in Leavenworth, KS on June 30, 1952. In their life together they traveled to all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Israel and England. They raised four children. Rev. Garvey was a Mason for over 50 years. He graduated from Park College, Parkville, MO and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL. Rev. Garvey also did graduate work at San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, CA. Education was a lifelong quest of his. He continued to take classes from local community colleges until recently. Rev. Garvey was ordained as a Presbyterian Minister in May of 1952. He served churches in North Carolina, Kansas, Alaska, Washington and Iowa. The Rev. Garvey also served as a missionary pastor to the Tsimshian Indians in Metlakatla, Alaska. He later taught at the Iowa State Mens' Reformatory in Anamosa, IA for over 20 years. After retirement, Rev. Garvey and his wife, Eleanor, served as Volunteers in Mission at Sunset Gap Community Center in Crosby, TN. They then retired to the Tyler area in 1994. In Tyler, they were very active volunteering through the church, schools and several community venues. Rev. Garvey was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie and Josephine Garvey. He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Eleanor Garvey; children, Mark

and Cindy Garvey of Cedar Rapids, IA, Dave and Karen Garvey, of Batavia IL, Becky and John Davis of Tyler, and Sharon and Jay Cohen of Itasca, IL; 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. Visitation is scheduled from 5:30 – 7:00 PM on Monday, March 19, 2012 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler. If desired, memorials may be made to Highland Presbyterian Church, 3101 Paluxy Dr, Tyler, 75701; or Tyler Music Coterie, c/o Patti Long, 2919 Roanoke Lane, Tyler 75701.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Elenor,
My prayers are with you and your loved ones in the loss of
Raymond.
In Christian love,
Dorothy Lomax*

Doroty Lomax - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *What a blessing to have known this gentle man. We shall always
remember his smile, his gregarious nature, and his love of creation.
He made the world a better place.*

Judith Lee Taylor - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Dear Eleanor,

I was greatly saddened to learn of Ray's passing. He was a great
contributor to the Tyler Together group and one of my favorite
people over the years I have spent in Tyler. Ray will be greatly
missed.*

John M. Sims - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. It has been such a long time
since I've seen all of you. I do remember you, and hear about you
through Judy. My sons, Chris and Brad remember meeting Sharon
in Leavenworth at Norma's. With sympathy, Cathy*

Cathy Johnson - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My favorite story about Ray was from his childhood. He and my mom, his cousin Norma Brewer Johnson, often played together outside. She would pick flowers and leaves and make tinctures from them which she would make him drink. He humored her and drank them. What a good cousin he was!*

Claudia Bartlett and family - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM