



William Archie Kleam, Jr.

April 14, 1937 - June 7, 2016

God has him in His arms, and we will always have him in our hearts. William A. Kleam, Jr. died peacefully June 7, 2016 at home. His life was a blessing; he will be missed beyond measure. W. A.'s life will be celebrated at a visitation to be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., in Tyler, on Thursday, June 9, 2016, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and at a graveside service on Friday, June 10, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. at Mason Cemetery in Arp, Texas, officiated by Reverend Mike Jenkins.

W. A. was born April 14, 1937, at home in Smith County. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of almost 53 years, Diane. He is also survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Kristi and Scott Sampson of Tyler; granddaughter and husband, Alexandra and Chris Housley of Dallas and granddaughter Natalie Sampson of Dallas. Survivors also include brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry and Sybil Kleam, of Lindale and Terry and Susan Kleam of Tyler; brother-in-law Billy Hill of Arp and nieces, nephews and many special friends. He was preceded in death by his son, John Kleam; parents W. A. and Irene Kleam and sister, Joyce Hill.

Honorary pallbearers will be the employees of the former Arp State Bank. W. A. was a graduate of Arp High School and the Rutherford Metropolitan School of Business in Dallas. As a nineteen year old man, he began his first job at Arp State Bank as assistant bookkeeper - a job that would turn into a career spanning half a century. At his retirement, W. A. was President and CEO. He also served on the Board of Directors of Arp State Bank for 31 years

and on the Board of Directors of American State Bank. He was a member and past treasurer of Arp Emmanuel Baptist Church, past Master of Canton Lodge #98 A.F. and A.M., past Director of Medical Center Overton Memorial Hospital Board and past Boy Scout Master and Little League coach.

His greatest joy was his family. He had their backs in sunshine and in shadow, always giving his unconditional love with quiet grace and strength.

To his family and friends, the days have been brighter because he lived; the nights will be darker because he is gone.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Graveside Serv.

JUN **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Mason Cemetery
21800 CR 252
Arp, TX 75750

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Anthony, Melissa and LaVone Baker purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Archie Kleam, Jr..



Anthony, Melissa and LaVone Baker - June 09, 2016 at 04:38 PM

JA

“ Mrs. Kleam and family,

So sorry to hear about Mr. Kleam. My thoughts and prayers go out to all. I've got so many memories, from baseball to banking. He was a great man.

John(Stink) and Missy Atchley

john atchley - June 09, 2016 at 02:19 PM

AP

“ Diane and family,

My prayers are that you can feel our Heavenly Father's arms around you....holding and comforting you in this time if need. Know that your friends are lifting you up in prayer.

*Much love and comfort.....
Eric and Anne Pearson aka Mopsy!*

anne pearson - June 09, 2016 at 11:07 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of William Archie Kleam, Jr..*



June 09, 2016 at 11:06 AM



“ *Diane, Kristi & Family my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this very difficult time. I have a lot of fond memories from my days of working with WA at Arp State Bank.*

Vicki Hudson

Vicki Hudson - June 08, 2016 at 08:30 PM



“ *Sonny And Jenny Hardy lit a candle in memory of William Archie Kleam, Jr.*



Sonny and Jenny Hardy - June 08, 2016 at 03:12 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about W.A.'s death. He was always so helpful to us with our banking needs -- since 1959! You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

John and Peggy Suggs

P Suggs - June 08, 2016 at 09:22 AM

SA

“ So sorry to hear about W.A. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. May the peace that surpasses all understanding surround you all at this time!

Bill and Suzanne Arnold

Suzanne Arnold - June 07, 2016 at 09:20 PM