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Services for Dolton Ray Colwell, 81, of Longview are set for 4 PM Thursday, June 23rd at the First Christian Church, Longview, with Dr. Jim Lewis, Rev. Phil Jones, and Adrian Coleman officiating. Masonic rites will be conducted following the service. Burial, under the direction of Rader Funeral Home, will be at Gum Springs Cemetery. Mr. Colwell died Monday, June 20th in Longview.

Ray was born August 4, 1923 in the Fendley Community of Clark County, Arkansas to Henry and Tennie Colwell. Ray's mother, Tennie, passed away in 1939 and his father subsequently married Dewey Carr Colwell in 1941.

In 1939, Ray left Arkansas to serve in the Civilian Conservation Corps primarily in Dunsth, North Dakota to build the International Peace Garden between the United States and Canada. In 1941, Ray returned to Longview where he met his future wife of 59 years, Vida Myrle Barker at the Duke and Ayers 5 to 10 Store.

Ray joined the Army Air Corps on December 7, 1942. During World II he served in the 9th Air Force in England, participated in the invasion of Normandy and served in the European Theater. After the war ended, he returned again to Longview, married Vida Myrle and raised his family.

In 1984 he retired from Eastman Kodak after 32 years of service. After retirement, Ray and Vida traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada visiting all 50 states and 5 Canadian provinces, most on several occasions.

Ray was raised a Master Mason in April of 1947 and was an active member of the Sharon Shrine Temple, Scottish Rite of Waco and the York Rite. He was honored by the Shrine in 2000 with the



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Samsire and by the Masonic Lodge in 2003 with the Golden Trowel Award. He was a volunteer for eight years at Good Shepherd Medical Center and the related Medical Plaza Complex, Special Olympics and other benevolent causes. He was an active member of the First Christian Church and the Cornerstone Sunday School Class.

He is survived by his loving wife Vida Myrle; sons Mike Colwell and wife Lee Ann of Longview, Jerry Colwell and wife Patti of Fort Worth; grandchildren: Ryan Colwell and Kayla Jones of Longview, Steve Colwell of Fort Worth, and Kelly Colwell of Austin; Sisters-in-law, Estelle Colwell, Bonnie and Shelton Caine, Sally and Bill Dyer, Ruth Carr and Rachel Carr; niece, Patsy Machin and husband, Art and special cousins Vernell and Olen Holder and Jerry and Shirley Francis.

Ray was preceded in death by his mother Tennie and father Henry Colwell, step-mother, Dewey Carr Colwell, grandson, Caleb Jones, a brother, Gus Colwell, and sister, Effie Howell Clingan.

Pallbearers are: Steve Colwell, Ryan Colwell, Bill Christy, Jerry Francis, Rusty Roberts, and Lloyd ? Pee Wee? Forsythe. Honorary pallbearers are: Roy Dorsey, Bill Thomas, Mason Armstrong, Olen Holder, Bill Moorman, the men of the Cornerstone Class and fellow co-workers from Texas Eastman.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the First Christian Church Building Fund, Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary or to a favorite charity.

The family would like to offer thanks to all the friends, neighbors, members of the First Christian Church, the Masonic Lodge, and Hearts Way Hospice for their support, thoughts, and prayers.

The family will receive friends at Rader Funeral Home Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 PM.



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

Mrs Colwell, Mike & Lee Ann Ray will be missed by so many people who admired him and enjoyed his company at F.C.C. We had so much fun visiting at the Church garage sale every year. I'm so proud that I got to know him over the last few years.##imported-begin##Tommy Eaker##imported-end##

June 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Cousin: So sorry to read about your beloved's passing. I, too, have recently suffered the death of a loved one -- my mother. Even though you and I have never met, I would love to talk with you. Look me up in the phone book if you wish. You have my deepest sympathies... Jacquelyn -- granddaughter of Jewel Barker Hoye.##imported-begin##Jacquelyn Erhard Bean##imported-end##

June 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Jim McMinn##imported-end##

June 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Colwell my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of great loss. I know the two of you are so close to my Nana and Papa and we are all going to miss Ray dearly. He is in such a great place now!! I can just see him grinning from ear to ear because he is getting to sit as an Angel on all of our shoulders and watch over us. Everytime I eat fish I think of him because he taught me that Tarter Sauce and Ketchup mixed together make a great sauce! All My Love - Denise##imported-begin##Denise Jernigan##imported-end##

June 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Vida, Wade and I want you to know that we will be out of town on Thursday but our prayers will continue to be with you as they have been these past months. God bless you and keep you and your family close to Him and He will give you strength. We will contact you when we are back in town. Love in Christ, Jodie Pointer##imported-begin##Wade and Jodie Pointer##imported-end##

June 21 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Amy Jernigan##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I loved Ray Colwell. He was my Buddy and my "Heart to Heart" friend. I loved his sense of humor! It was heart breaking to see him and know of his terrible illness. Vida Myrle, my thoughts and prayers continue for you and all of your family. I know your Heart is broken. You & Ray will ALWAYS BE SPECIAL, SPECIAL. I pray your happy Memories will be a constant comfort. Heaven has gained another boy Angel!##imported-begin##Millie Terry Harper##imported-end##

June 20 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dolton by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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