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Harry Allen, age 83, of Longview passed away March 27, 2013 at Summer Meadows.

He was born August 11, 1929 in Tyler, TX to Henry and Mary Allen. Harry graduated from Tyler high school in 1947 and then attended Tyler Junior College.

Harry enlisted into the US Army and honorably served our country.

Harry began his career at the Cotton Belt Railroad located in Tyler, then moved to Longview in 1956 and along with his father-in-law John Petty started Southwestern Equipment which also was a GMC truck dealership. He then formed Longview Construction, a heavy equipment construction company, which was a key contractor of the infrastructure and on-going development of Longview. Projects ranged from site preparations for Eastman Kodak, Longview High School, Wildwood subdivision, and numerous other city projects.

Harry was also the organizer and director for eight years of American Bank. After retiring from construction he began his second career as Director of Sanitation and Fleet Services for the City of Longview.

Since childhood Harry was of the Baptist faith. He joined First Christian Church in April of 1956 and later attended Mobberly Baptist Church.

Harry was devoted to his family and enjoyed traveling, golf and the Dallas Cowboys.

Harry leaves behind to cherish his memories, Elaine Petty Allen of Longview, children: Kathy Linton and her husband Zeke, Steve Allen and his wife Cindy all of Longview; grandchildren: Chelsea Allen of Dallas and John Allen and his wife Caley of San Antonio; Harry's twin brother Harold Allen and his wife Bobbie of Tyler; nephew, Keith Kindle and his wife Susan of Willow Park along with their children Nancy, William and John, and numerous other nieces and nephews.



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Friends are welcome to join the family for a time of visitation from noon – 2 pm Saturday, March 30, 2013 at Rader Funeral Home in Longview. Graveside services will be family only.



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

Kathy and Zeke - So sorry about the loss of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you in the days and months to come. Blessings friends.##imported-begin##Carol Dillard Reister##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



Anonymous posted:

Harry will be truly missed. He was the best boss that anyone could ever have. He looked out for his employee's and friends. Harry was not only my boss, he was a dear friend of mine. He loved his family dearly. I felt like I knew all of you from the stories he would tell. Elaine, he loved doing stuff for you. Steve, he was very proud of you. Cathy, when he left the City he was excited about help you out at the office. The grandkids were the stars in his eyes. Your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Connie Root Keasler##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear family, I was very sorry to hear about Mr. Allen. He was my customer for many years at Albertson's where I work, but quickly became a friend. I will always remember our good visits early in the mornings when he would come in for his apple fritters and turnovers. He was always so kind-hearted to me and had a smile on his face. I remember one morning when I said "good morning, Mr. Allen" and he replied, "you are my friend, so please call me Harry from now on" and so it was. May God comfort you all at this time as only He can do.##imported-begin##Ruth Kay##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



Anonymous posted:

Many happy memories of Harry, Elaine, and Nancy from the 50"s...my condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Mary Evelyn Redmon Salsman##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



Anonymous posted:

Harry was such a great guy He will be missed. Blessings##imported-begin##Sue Ann Cocke##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I worked for Harry from 1992-96 in the sanitation department, and I have to say he was the best boss that I have ever had, and I loved him dearly. He was always fair, and looked out for his employee's. I remember he called everyone Babe, and I know he will be greatly missed. My deepest and heartfelt sympathy to his family, and though he is gone from your sight, he will always be with you.##imported-begin##Shirley Stanford##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



Anonymous posted:

Kathy and Family I am so sorry for your loss - yet so very proud for all of You to be a part of such a great part of our community's history. May the Lord Bless and Keep You All and May the Lord Welcome Your Dad's Spirit Home.##imported-begin##Carter Tucker##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



Anonymous posted:

Kathy and Zeke, So sorry to read of your Dad's death. I know you have many wonderful memories of him and will miss him greatly. Praying you will find comfort in those memories. In Sympathy, Nell Raper Boren formerly Lake Cherokee.##imported-begin##Nell Raper##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I'm not sure that this isn't a duplicate posting, but I want to extend my condolences to Harry's family and friends... Harry, Elaine, Nancy Louie and I Effie had some great times back in the early 50's... May God bless you and give you peace.##imported-begin##Mary Evelyn Redmon Salsman##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



Anonymous posted:

To my old friend, Kathy and family - I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. I pray that God will wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace and comfort as you mourn the passing of this special man. Know that you are in our prayers. Debra Classmate from Mozelle Johnston, Judson Jr. High, and LHS.##imported-begin##Debra Collier-Kerstetter##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

To Steve Allen and family, my condolences on the loss of your father. I will be thinking of you during this sad time.##imported-begin##Nan Mitchell##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



Anonymous posted:

We worked with Harry at the City. He was a joy to be around. Our sympathy to his family and friends.##imported-begin##Hale Family##imported-end##

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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