



Thomas Lamar George

May 8, 1919 - December 14, 2012

Funeral services for Thomas Lamar George of Longview will be 10am Monday, December 17, 2012, in the chapel of Rader Funeral Home in Longview, with Rev. Virginia Wall officiating. Burial will be in Memory Park Cemetery in Longview. Visitation is Sunday at the funeral home from 4-6pm

Lamar was born May 8, 1919 to Thomas Artemus and Josie Evelyn George in DeKalb, Kemper Co., Mississippi and passed away December 14, 2012 in Longview, Texas.

Lamar grew up on a farm in rural Mississippi and learned to drive at an early age. This proved to be a valuable skill in the late 30's when he joined the Civil Conservation Corp around 1940 and drove a truck working on projects in southern Louisiana. On January 9, 1942 he was inducted into the Army, Company C, 148th Infantry, serving in WWII in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater with specialties as truck driver, rifleman and machine gunner until he was wounded on August 3, 1943 on Munda, New Georgia Island. After treatment and recovery he was honorably discharged on June 9, 1944 at O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, MO. Upon discharge he was awarded the Purple Heart and was always proud of his service to his country.

He married Rita Beff Sorey November 2, 1950. They moved to Longview in 1952 so that he could begin work as First Class radio engineer for KFRO radio station, a position he held for 46 years. Always very creative he would design and build components for the transmitter equipment as well as repair electric organs, radios and televisions. He also had a talent for carpentry, sewing, barbering, gardening especially growing peanuts, mechanical repairs, care for farm animals, playing the guitar and baking cakes. He even broke and trained a riding horse. Always a giving person he could often be found quietly giving away a hand-crafted nail puzzle or peach seed basket. Lamar's kindness, humor and love of family will be missed. Lamar and Rita were long time members of Wesley-McCabe UMC.

Lamar is survived by a daughter and son-in-law Bickie and Paul Bergthold of Longview; a

son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Laure George of Plano; grandchildren Angela Lichty, Jenny Wren, Aaron Lewark, Clark George and Abigail George; great-grandchildren Jackie and husband Cris Adamson, Shelby Wren, Alexander Lichty, and Bryan Lewis, great-great-grandson Keegan Adamson; brothers Julius and Clint, sister Loretta and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Thomas A. and Josie E. George; wife Rita Beff; brothers Alton and James Walter "Dub"; sisters, Lois and Mattie Ruth; and daughter, Marylena Lewark.

Comments



“ Papa, I miss you and Granny everyday and I always wish I had just a little more time here on Earth with y'all. I love you so much and I'll be seeing you one day. Just wait for me. Love in Christ Jesus, Angie

Angela Lichty - January 05, 2020 at 07:01 AM



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He was a very kind, creative, humble & honorable person. I respect him greatly.

Jason - September 19, 2013 at 11:27 AM



“ Dear Bickie and Paul,
We are so very sorry to learn about the loss of Bickie's father. Please know that we will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this most difficult time.
Fondly,

Judy & Dan McMurrian - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ You were a family treasure, Uncle Lamar. You have joined Aunt Rita after a long tenure in your earthly home. Blessings to your family.

W Brandon and Karen George - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Angie & Bickie,
I am so sorry for your loss. He was an amazing man! I have never had a pound cake as good as his. It was baked in a clean oven. I know because every time I was there, he was cleaning it! My prayers are with you. Love, Suzanne

Suzanne Kelley - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Bickie and Paul

"May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead."

Bryan Brennon - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Angie and the whole family of Mr. and Mrs. George our hearts ache with yours. They were both the most wonderful people, so caring, so full of Love. Our memories are many of being blessed to know them. God bless you and give you all strenght. Love you, Trisha and the whole Stow family.

Patricia Stow - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry to here about Uncle Lamar's passing. We think back about the good times we had and the wonderful person that he was.

Love,

The families of Jim, Dwayne, and Sharon--the Gordon's.

Jim Gordon - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ How wonderful to have had such great memories and mentors as Uncle Lamar,our parents and other Aunts and Uncles. I remember that he would pour milk from the corner of the fold of a paper milk carton when we would visit and put up with a lot of questions from me about the equipment in the other part of the house also. I have my nail puzzle on my desk at work and it has been enjoyed by many.Thoughts and prayers with everyone and miss you all also.

Love, Dwayne and Sue

Dwayne G. Gordon - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM