



Eldridge M. Gay

September 17, 1925 - March 21, 2014

Eldridge Maurice Gay, 88, of Irving, Texas passed away March 21, 2014 peacefully at home. He was born September 17, 1925 to the late Julius Allen and Macie Williams Gay in Union Grove, Texas.

Eldridge retired after a 40 year career in the aerospace industry with Ling-Temco-Vought (LTV). During Eldridge's time with LTV his numerous projects included structural testing of the B-1 Lancer Bomber and B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber.

Eldridge will be remembered for his outgoing and loving personality and will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Betty Lou Walker Gay. He is survived by his son David Byron Gay and wife Jean of Hickory, NC; daughter, Linda Gay Butts and husband Marvin of Grand Prairie, TX. Granddaughter Katherine Gay of Harper's Ferry, WV; two grandsons Ryan Butts, Lubbock, TX , Nathan Butts , Grand Prairie, TX and great-granddaughter, Lillian Hope Gay , Harper's Ferry, WV. He is also survived by his sister Allene Johnston, Longview, TX and brother, Forrest Wayne Gay and wife Peggy, Chandler, TX and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Guerrero Dean Funeral Home in Grand Prairie

Monday March 24, 2014 at 1:00 PM followed by a celebration of his life at 2:00 PM with Reverend Dennis King officiating. Burial will be beside his loving wife at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving, TX.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Highland United Methodist Church, 1020 12th Street Place NE, Hickory, NC 28601.

Cemetery Details

Oak Grove Memorial Gardens

1413 E. Irving Blvd.
Irving, TX 75060
<http://www.oakgrovememorial.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home
500 E. Main Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050
(972) 263-5570

Service

MAR 24. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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500 E. Main Street
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Linda, David and families,
We will miss your father's wonderful sense of humor so much. His devotion to your mother Betty was so touching and such an example of a loving relationship. I think that Daddy (Kenneth) thought of Betty as a sister and they all had lots of good times together as young folks. They are both missed very much.
Kathy (Hall) and Fred Weber*

Kathy Weber - March 25, 2014 at 11:23 AM

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“ *Mr. Eldridge was a True Texan and a member of the " Greatest Generation". If it wasn't for men like him, what language would we be speaking now? He didn't want special recognition, because thats what real men did. God, Family, Country !*

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