



## Melvin Spencer Houk

January 15, 1923 - March 7, 2020

Melvin Spencer Houk, 97, a native of Little Elm, Texas and long-time resident of Grand Prairie, passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at his home.

Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E Main Street, Grand Prairie, TX, 75050 where funeral services will be conducted at Noon on Thursday. Burial: Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington.

Melvin Houk was born January 15, 1923, the 2nd of 3 children born to the late John Franklin Houk and the late Winnie Edna Boyles Houk. He attended Frisco High School, but did not have enough hours to graduate. He decided to trade \$1.50, a Model T and female lamb with kids for a 1934 Chevrolet. He would use the Chevrolet to travel to New Mexico where he attended high school, using his credits to transfer back to Denton. He would graduate from Denton Public Schools.

In 1943, Melvin joined the Armed Forces (Air Corps) at Camp Walter, Texas. He attended the AAF Flex Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Florida where he received the Good Conduct Medal. While attending Gunnery School, Melvin trained as a gunner on a B17 bomber. On October 27, 1945, Melvin was sent to Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he received his lapel button in April of 1946 as well as a World War II Victory Medal. He was then stationed near the

Panama Canal Zone. He received an Honorable Discharge from the Army of the United States on December 9, 1949.

He then started a new career at LTV where he worked forty years in tubing, mock-up & Design Group. he worked on secret projects like the B1 (Stealth Bomber) and B2 Bombers. He also worked on the F-8, A-7, Reg 1, Reg 2 guided missiles and the Airtrans for DFW Airport.

While working at LTV, Melvin and his best friend, Donny Clint Walker, would visit the Naval Base to play Bingo. On one occasion, Melvin ran into his friend Joe Elliott and his wife Loretta. Before the Bingo game started, Loretta introduced Melvin to her sister, Armeniua Stubblefield. It was love at first sight. The 2 started a long-distance courtship, Melvin (25) in Grand Prairie, Armeniua (18) in Denison. They married on August 1, 1950 in Durant, Oklahoma. A year later, they moved to Grand Prairie where they had their first and only child, Charleta Kay Houk.

The family attended Trinity Baptist Church where Melvin held the position as Deacon.

On June 5, 1970, Kay married Gary Alton Dunbar. Melvin was then blessed with 2 grandchildren who called him "Papa": Tara Jo Dunbar-Dyer and her husband Shawn Damon Dyer and James Phillip Dunbar and his wife Juana Maria Gonzalez. Papa was blessed with 6 great-grandchildren in which each one held a special place in his heart; James Price, Hannah Dyer, Rebecca Dyer, Kennedie Dyer, Chole Dunbar and Caleb Dunbar and a sister, Gloria Fern; numerous nieces and nephews.

After retired from LTV, he started his new career with the Dallas Auto Auction and then Budget Rent a Car at DFW Airport. He worked for Budget for twenty-five years and retired at the age of 92.

He loved planes and cars. They were his passion. He loved to tinker on cars, take them apart and put them back together again. In fact, he loved taking almost anything apart to see how it worked, before putting it back together again.

Pallbearers: James Dunbar, Shawn Dyer, James Price, William Crews, Joshua Wright and Chloe Dunbar.

# Cemetery Details

## Moore Memorial Gardens

1219 N. Davis Dr.  
Arlington, TX 76012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

MAR 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Grand Prairie, TX 75050  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin Spencer Houk.*



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March 11, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Melvin Spencer Houk.*



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March 10, 2020 at 04:41 PM



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**Rebecca Dyer** - March 09, 2020 at 11:12 PM

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**james Dunbar** - March 09, 2020 at 08:27 PM