

Clay, Harry Guinn 1925-2023

By <u>atowery@wcmessenger.com</u> | Published on November 29, 2023 Harry Guinn Clay only recently celebrated his 98th birthday. His life began on Oct. 14, 1925, in Bridgeport and ended Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023, in Weatherford at Medical City Weatherford. Harry was one of seven children born to Charles R. and Martha Pearce Clay.

On Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, a Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 a.m., with visitation beginning one hour prior at the First Baptist Church in Weatherford, with burial in Memory Gardens in Weatherford. All are invited. On Feb. 4, 1950, Harry and Imogene (Kidwell) were married in Weatherford and spent all their married life as a part of the Weatherford community. Imogene survives. His children are Sue Gwen (Steve F., Sr., deceased) Bramlett, of Weatherford and Douglas Carl (deceased). Also surviving are three amazing grandchildren, Gena Guignon (Scott) of Des Peres, Missouri, Saundra Bramlett of Fort Worth and Steven F. Bramlett, Jr. of Weatherford; and his four extraordinary great-grands, Anthony Hwozdek of Arlington, and Jack, Tess and Davis of Des Peres, Missouri.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Martha Clay; all his brothers and sisters; and his beloved son, Doug.

Deserving honorable mention would be the multitude of coworkers, friends, acquaintances and extended family he encountered through his long full life that always held a special place in his heart.

Harry was a man of great faith. He loved reading the Bible and sharing what he learned. Harry served in the Army Air Corp, the Air Force, during WWII. In 1989, he retired as supervisor after a long employment at General Dynamics in Fort Worth. During his lifetime, Harry found many ways to be of service.

First Baptist Church was a huge part of his life, serving as past chairman of Board of Deacons, Sunday School teacher and on so many committees. Harry was a 70-plus year member of the Masonic Phoenix Lodge #275 AF&M. Other organizations important to him were: Gideons International, Toastmasters, American Cancer Society driver, American Heart Association, volunteering at Campbell Memorial Hospital and the reading mentor program at Bill Wright Elementary.

Harry ran his first marathon at age 55 and went on to complete 14 more marathons. Harry was a Democrat, through and through. He golfed, had a private pilot's license, made the most delicious sourdough pancakes and loved spending time with his grandkids.

Harry's final days were so blessed and made comfortable by the wonderful, kind doctors and nurses of Medical City Weatherford, as well as Alpha Omega Hospice. The family expresses their eternal thanks for their kind hands and caring hearts. Also, the family would like to express gratitude to the staff of West Fork Assisted Living for taking such excellent care of Harry during the year and a half that West Fork was home.

Memorials may be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 122, Weatherford, Texas 76086.