



A. L. Tarver

January 31, 1923 - May 21, 2014

A.L. Tarver, 91, of El Campo passed from this life May 21, 2014. He was born January 31, 1923 in Cisco, Eastland County, Texas to Nathaniel Jasper Tarver and Abigail Belknap Tarver.

A.L. attended school in Cisco, Texas as a child, and also took a welding course at Cisco Junior College at a later time.

He was a member of CCC Camp in 1939 for 6 months helping build mule trails at the Grand Canyon for fifty cents a week. He then joined the the US Navy in 1940 at a young age, serving 3 years in the South Pacific aboard the USS Kilty, and was honorably discharged in October 1945.

A.L. married Verna Lee Doyle in July 1945, after a 2 week courtship. Settling in Cisco, Texas, they began a family, having 3 daughters while living in the area. In 1952 the family moved to El Campo, Texas, where he began working at Transcontinental Gas Pipeline. During the years in El Campo, they had 2 more daughters and a son, while continuing to work for Transco and raise his family until retiring in 1986. He then began a second career at Walmart in El Campo, assembling merchandise, eventually specializing in bicycle assembly. He retired from Walmart in August 2008.

His marriage to Verna spanned a period of 68 years. Through this union, a legacy of love, family values, and family traditions began a lifelong way of

living for his entire family to carry through the generations. The family enjoyed their summers at Garner State Park for more than 47 years. His last trip to Garner was only 2 weeks before his death, where he attended a Tarver Family Reunion.

He grew up in a time of good work ethics, so passing those values on to children and grandchildren was a must. Besides always keeping a large yard mowed and manicured, he always kept a watch on anyone who parked on his nice green grass. He also grew a very large vegetable garden, not only to feed his family, but also to share with friends and relatives.

He met his cronies for coffee and breakfast for 28 years, 7 days a week.

In his last few months, after the loss of his beloved wife, he enjoyed the companionship of a 15 year old little Chihuahua named Lacey, and spent afternoons sitting outside admiring the eight miniature ponies he raised.

He truly loved his children and grandchildren, and they all loved their "PA-PA".

A.L. was preceded in death by his parents, wife Verna Lee Doyle Tarver on August 20, 2013, daughter Tanya Tarver, and grandsons Jarred Farrar and Vince Schnurpel and 17 sisters and brothers.

He is survived by his daughters Glenda Hemphill and husband Ed of Canyon Lake, Judy Hunter and husband Jimmy of El Campo, Rhonda Farrar and husband Garron of El Campo, Janet Wiggins and husband Craig of Montgomery, and son Randy Tarver and wife Debbie of El Campo. Grandchildren Scott Schnurpel, son Nikk and granddaughter Lillian, Samantha Perez and husband Chico, son Kevin and granddaughter Kamryn, daughter Kristen and grandson Avery, daughter Erika and son Trey, Slayde Schnurpel and son Trevor, Gretchen Horne and son Chance, daughter

Chandler, sons Chase and Drake, Wendy Treme and husband Gregg, daughter Haylie and son Wyatt, Deedee Sammons and husband Mark, sons Jonah, Zachary, and Mitchell, Todd Hunter and wife Stacy, daughters Reese and Hannah, Shayne Farrar and wife Sanae, son Tyler, daughters Abbie and Heather, Keisha Pfeifle and husband Kimo, daughter Chella, Tiffani Reeves and husband Brian, son Keigan, and daughters Karli and Kaitlyn, Tasha Daniels and husband Jason, daughter Gabbie, Tanner Siems, Duby Tarver and wife Misty, son Hayes, Dustin Tarver and Brittany Cerny, son Beckham, Deric Tarver and wife Melissa, daughter Baylee and son Kade.

Extended family: Linda and Dennis Bacak, Jennifer and Robert Kollaja, sons Jake and Kolten, Chad Bacak, Clint and Robin Bacak, sons Weston and Dylan, Tony and Georgia Miller, and Angie Arismendez.

Visitation will begin on Saturday May 24, 2014 at 3 pm at Triska Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 5 to 7 pm at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held on Sunday May 25, 2014 at 1:30 pm at the funeral home with Rev. Rick Dubroc officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Park with military honors under the auspices of American Legion Post 251.

Pallbearers are grandsons, Scott Schnurpel, Slayde Schnurpel, Todd Hunter, Shayne Farrar, Tanner Siems, Duby Tarver, Dustin Tarver and Deric Tarver. Memorial donations in memory of A.L. may be made to the American Cancer Society or Houston Hospice-El Campo.

Condolences for the family may be left online at www.triskafuneralhome.com

Triska Funeral Home El Campo, Texas 979-543-3681

Tribute Wall

PC

“ I enjoyed seeing A L at the Tarver reunion and was very saddened to hear of his passing. May you all find consolation in the love you had for each other and in the fact that he is with Verna now. God bless you all.

Pattie Champaign - May 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Judy & Rhonda...I'm so sorry you had to say goodbye to your dad. Although I never had the pleasure of knowing him, I know you both made him proud and I am a richer person for knowing you! Judy our friendship went from friends to being family years ago & my heart is aching for you. The blessing in all of this is we will see him again! To all of the wonderful family members I've met, visited with & gotten to know, my condolences. God restores all things, so seek Him, there you will find comfort & peace! Thank you A.L. Tarver for your service & sacrifice for our freedom!

Aubrey Whipkey - La Pryor , TX - friend of the family - May 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ First of all, I'm never at a loss for words to those who know me. But today it's not so much about words but about heart! A.L. Had a heart for his family and his friends. One of the greatest men I've ever met and he had my full respect! What a fine example of a husband, father, grandfather and friend to all who had the honor of being in his presence! Spoke to me everytime id see him in town. My heart is with the entire family and I pray for comfort for the losses of A.L and Verna these past few months. May our God bless each one of you as you struggle to press on and keep their memories alive in each of your hearts! You have truly been blessed beyond measure!

Wayne King - El Campo, TX - Friend of family - May 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Heartfelt condolences to all the family but especially to Rhonda, Judy and Randy and their spouses Garron, Jimmy and Debbie all of whom are like family to me. I hope that you can dwell on the wonderful memories that you have of Mr. and Mrs Tarver and cherish the long and happy life that they shared.

*My deepest sympathy is with you all.
Jerry*

Jerry Priddy - Priddy, TX - Family Friend - May 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ My condolences to the passing of Mr Tarver. I had the pleasure of knowing & working with him & had the upmost respect for him. He will be greatly missed

Vivian Salazar Leal - May 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ There are no words that will help right now. But my love, thoughts and prayers are with each of you. There are so many wonderful memories that my family had the pleasure of having with the Tarver family. Papa will be missed without a doubt. I believe PaPa and Nana are together and are happy now.

Shana

Shana Rodriguez - Houston, TX - friend - May 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ I am so sorry for your great loss. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all.

Wanda Wiggins - Center, TX - Friend - May 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *The Thrash family would like to wish the A.L. Tarver families our condolences. What Mr. Tarver achieved in his life is what every man who loves his family aspires to.*

Derek Thrash - Wharton, TX - friend of family - May 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with you.*

Becky Retkofsky Sample - Edna, TX - May 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Glenda & Family.... Our hearts go out to you and your family for the loss of such a great man... He was picky who he liked and who he did not like... (guess I was on his good side).... He always treated me special when we went to visit them... God Bless your family for his loss, our hearts and prayers are with you all....*

Larry & Marie Meek - La Porte, TX - friend - May 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *So sorry for your loss. God Bless you during this difficult time.*

Pat Hogan - El Campo, TX - Friend - May 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *To the entire family of A.L. Tarver,
We are deeply sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa. He was truly a wonderful man.
We hope you will all take comfort in knowing he is now reunited with Mrs. Tarver and other loved ones who have gone before him in the Kingdom Of Jesus Christ our Lord & Savior.
You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Clarence & Judy Rohan - El Campo, TX - Friends - May 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ *My husband and I would like to offer our condolences to the family of A.L. Tarver. Our prayers are with you at this time. God Bless!*

Frank & Billie Becak - El Campo - May 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.*

Linda Kay hall ward - Victoria, TX - Friend - May 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers are with you during this difficult time. God Bless You.*

Carol

Carol Baca - TX - Friend - May 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM