

Kenneth Wayne Clower | 1930-2015

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Kenneth Wayne Clower, 85, of Marble Falls, formerly of Alvord, died Thursday, April 30, 2015, in Marble Falls.

Funeral is 10 a.m. Monday, May 4, at Alvord Church of Christ with burial to follow at Alvord Cemetery. Visitation is 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur.

Kenneth was born Feb. 1, 1930, on the family farm in the Pella community on Dry Hollow Creek near Alvord to George Shelton and Lola Lee (McDonald) Clower. He was the fifth of their six children. He grew up and attended school in Alvord.

As a teenager, he raised and sold cantaloupes and watermelons on area roadsides.

After graduating from Alvord High School, he entered the United States Army where he served for 18 months.

After serving his country, he began working in the oil and gas industry for El Paso Natural Gas Co. He worked there until his retirement, and he continued to play baseball with the company team until injuries forced him to stop. After retiring, he did consulting work overseas, designing and building gas production/processing plants. He worked in Russia and Algeria.

In 1959, Ken married Connie Jean Barker in Brady. To them was born a daughter, Dana Devon. Connie was killed in an auto accident in Sweetwater in 1963. Kenneth married Dora Ann Scott Liner in 1965 and gained three stepdaughters – Deborah Ann, Connie Beth and Patricia Lynn. They lived for several years in the Odessa area and later in Houston. Dora passed away in 2002 after a long battle with cancer.

Ken later married Rosa Morehead Gregory and gained three stepsons – Mike, Tim and Gary Gregory. They spent too few wonderful years together and did a good deal of traveling. They lived for a while in Early and later in Fredericksburg. Rosa died suddenly of heart failure in February 2011.

Ken stayed in their home in Fredericksburg for a while until his health began to fail. He moved to assisted living centers in Kingsland and later Marble Falls to be near his daughter, Dana.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents; three wives; brother Curg (Tom) Clower and wife, Christine; sister Lloyd Lee Ferguson and husband, Melvin; brother George Clower; little sister Linnie Mae Cobb; daughter Connie Beth Spruill; and great-granddaughter Shayla Devon Sperry.

He is survived by his daughters, Dana Sperry of Granite Shoals, Deborah James and husband, Kirby, of Midland and Patricia Ervin and husband, Carl, of Midland; grandchildren Shannon Sperry, Christopher Sperry, Sean Sperry, Jeremy James and wife, Amanda, Jennifer James, Shawn Spruill and wife, Jenna, Tony Stevenson and wife, Penny, and April Chandler.

He is also survived by great-grandchildren Dawstian, Aeithen, Camryn, Johnathan, Mike, Nathan, Logan, Brayton, Shae, Sienna, Teagan, Mikela, Mackenzie and Kadence; older brother Curtis Clower and wife, Martha, of Urbana, Ill.; sister-in-law Joyce Mote Clower of Gulfport, Miss.; brother-in-law Ray Cobb of Springtown; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends and acquaintances from his working years.