Harry Leigh Franklin, age 95, of McKinney passed away April 25, 2008 in McKinney. He was born April 17, 1913, in Guatemala City, Guatemala, the son of Harry and Jessica (Davis) Franklin. On April 29, 1953, he married Pauline “Polly” Cluck in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Franklin was a petroleum engineer and member of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in McKinney. He is survived by his wife, Pauline; daughter, Cathie Walner and her husband Bob of McKinney; granddaughters, Nancy McFarland and her husband Patrick of Dallas, Renee Hooks and her husband James of Terrell, TX, and Sheri Simonieg of Dallas; and great-grandson, Augustus Hooks of Terrell. The family extends a special thank you to the staff of Provident Living Center in McKinney and St. Michael’s Hospice for their loving care of Harry. Memorials may be made in Harry’s name to The Alzheimers Association, Provident Living Center, St. Michael’s Hospice or St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in McKinney.

Memorials

Uncle Harry was a bright spot in our lives for most of my life. He married my Aunt Polly, who had lived with us for awhile in Dallas just before they wed. I was not yet in first grade, so my memories of Harry go way back. Most of all, I remember that he approached everything with that incredible smile and a sense of curiosity and wonder. We did not always live near Polly and Harry, but from the time I cried because he was taking my Aunt Polly to South America, to their first retirement in McAllen, to the holidays we spent with him...
in Corpus Christi, to his being best man in my brother’s wedding in place of our late father, to the more recent visits in McKinney, having known and spent time with Uncle Harry will always bring back special memories of good times in my life. He was special to us in so many ways and will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered. We mourn with you, Polly. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

ALAN TATUM, MAY 23, 2008

I have very fond messages of you Harry and the summer I spent with you in Corpus Christi. I shall never forget your warmth, your brilliance and your incredible piano playing! Thank you for that - May God bless - David Gary Colwell

DAVID GARY COLWELL, MAY 8, 2008

Now I haven't seen Harry for -- whoo! -- forty years or so, but whenever my Dad mentions Harry, I can see a man with a gigantic smile - just as if it was yesterday! My thoughts are with you all--Suzanne Colwell

SUZANNE COLWELL, MAY 6, 2008

Harry--we loved you! You and Dave were like brothers. Polly, he was a wonderful man and he will be greatly missed. He had quite a life and left everyone with wonderful memories. Polly, you’re in our thoughts and prayers.

DAVE & KAREN COLWELL, MAY 3, 2008

Although Harry was with us only a few short weeks, he was a sweetheart! We loved him dearly. It was an honor and privilege to take care of such a fine man. Our many condolences.

PAM HOBBS, APRIL 30, 2008

My sympathy and warmest thoughts are with you all now. Harry will certainly be remembered in my memory and my heart.

CARLOTA FRANKLIN, APRIL 25, 2008
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