



Nelson G. Cleveland

January 2, 1922 - August 3, 2007

Mr. Nelson G. Cleveland, age 85, of Dallas, Texas passed away August 3, 2007, in Dallas. He was born January 2, 1922, in McKinney, Texas to George and R.C. (Chamberlain) Cleveland. He married Mary Dell Holmes in 1940, they had five children together. Mr. Cleveland married Annie Turner in Dallas and was a custodian for the Dallas Independent School District. He is survived by his wife, Annie Cleveland; children by his first wife Mary Dell, Joyce Ann Cox and her husband, Leonard from Lorena, Texas, Nelson Cleveland Jr. and his wife, Patsy of Jackson, Tennessee, Frederick Waheed and his wife, Barbara of Dallas, Russell C. Cleveland and his wife, Janice Ann of Dallas and Mary Guiden of Shreveport, Louisiana; 20 grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren; sister, Clara Mae Harris of San Francisco, California; brother, Richard Cleveland and wife, Ida also of San Francisco; and numerous nieces, nephews and other loving relatives. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m., Monday, August 13, 2007, in the Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel. Interment will follow at Ross Cemetery in McKinney. The family will receive friends for visitation beginning 6:00 p.m., Sunday, August 12, 2007, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home.

Memorials

Papa was a character! And I am surely going to miss him. He was funny and had the smile of a chess cat. He was a man of his times though, in that he didn't show too much emotion. I've never seen him cry, I've never seen him react to pain, he would hug a woman back but give a hand-shake or a head-nod to a man and to all of us, he would say "Ooooh-kay" with his deep and

warm voice. He had his way of showing you that he loved you. I remember when I had first started high-school how he had me to pull out a year-book and showed me a picture...In other words, he was trying to tell me that I needed to graduate; 4 years later, I did. I understood his gesture as I did all the others such as how he fussed about the dogs but every morning and evening, if I hadn't fed them because I had to leave in a hurry to school or I was away at work, he would come out and feed them himself which took a lot of effort on his part considering his physical condition. He was Papa (Paw-Paw) and I can not begin to tell you how I am such a better person because of him. When I think back to my childhood, Papa plays a major part. I lived with him and my grandmother, Annie for many years of my childhood. He provided a home for me while I attended Townview Magnet Center. From the time that I can remember, 4435 Stigall Street, Dallas TX 75209 was a place that I could always come to if I needed to with no questions asked. It was the first address that I had ever memorized. It was the address that I listed as a permanent place of residence once I joined the U.S. Navy. God has blessed me in that I never had to come back home to live after I became an adult, however, to have such stability and security in this world was a blessing provided by God through Papa. The older I become, the more I realize how much of a blessing this was and the impact that it continues to have upon me. I have always had a home where the lights were always on, the water always ran and where the neighbors were more like family. Through 4435 Stigall St., Papa was an anchor in my life and I thank God for him and everyone else in the family as well. I couldn't make it to the funeral yesterday in person but I was there in spirit as I am here today, with tears streaming down my face finding it hard to bid Papa farewell but understanding that it is a part of God's infinite will. I love you all, Angela

ANGELA NICOLE HILL, AUGUST 14, 2007

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