



Mr. Clarence Godfrey

December 22, 1930 - September 4, 2019

Funeral services for Mr. Clarence Godfrey, 88, of Laneville, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Rev. Bill Kuykendall and Rev. Frank Lane officiating. Interment with military honors follow at Rusk County Memorial Gardens under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, September 9, at the funeral home.

Mr. Godfrey passed from this life on September 4, 2019, at his residence in Laneville. He was born December 22, 1930, in Arkansas City, Kansas to the late Jesse and Ruth (Lowery) Godfrey and had lived in Laneville since 1995. Mr. Godfrey proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He retired after 20 years of active service which includes his time as military law enforcement. Clarence later owned and operated his own diesel mechanic shop before going on to a 22 year career with Caterpillar. Mr. Godfrey was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Henderson and was passionate about his faith and his family. He also loved to garden and enjoyed sharing the fruits of his labor with others.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Edna Godfrey; daughters, Becky Sexton and Laurie Godfrey; brother, Larry

Godfrey; sister, Tessi Herr; and step-sons, Eugene and Phillip Binau.

Survivors include his daughters, Melissa Brannon and husband Greg of Richmond, and Cindy Joynt of Oakmont, PA; step-daughters, Karen Spurlin and husband Jim of Atlanta, and Amelia Johnson and husband Darryl of South Carolina; step-son, Wendell Whitten of Henderson; sisters, Iona Gaddis and Naomi Byrne of Arkansas City, KS; brother, Wayne Godfrey of Newkirk, OK; grandchildren, Jessica Godfrey, Sarah Brannon, Joshua Joynt, Aaron Shatney, Anna Whitten, Sarah Murillo, Jesse Whitten, Ryan Johnson, James Spurlin, Jeremy Spurlin, Jason Spurlin, and Justin Spurlin; as well as eight great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Pallbearers will be Jesse Whitten, James Spurlin, Jeremy Spurlin, Justin Spurlin, Jason Spurlin, and Adam J. Sharp.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Rusk County Memorial Gardens

5013 US Hwy 259
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Clarence Godfrey



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - September 08, 2019 at 03:04 PM

KS

What a beautiful tribute to my Pop. Thank you Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home. Karen Spurlin

Karen Spurlin - September 09, 2019 at 01:53 AM

KS

Rest in Peace with mother, Pop. Oh how our heart will ache for you, Pop, until we meet again.

Karen Spurlin - September 09, 2019 at 02:00 AM

KS

I wish you could see Jason's little boy, Benjamin and James' little girl, Ella. I know you would have loved them so much as I do. Miss you & mom terribly. ❤️

Karen Spurlin - March 20, 2025 at 02:21 AM

KS

“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Karen Spurlin - September 09, 2019 at 01:58 AM



“ 56 files added to the album Life Tributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - September 08, 2019 at 03:02 PM

Terry
Turner

“ *I don't know why but the first thing that came to my mind that got under my skin when I heard of Sarge's death was sharing a garden with him in Arkansas City. I remember him working tirelessly at that garden and I remember growing a "sugar baby" watermelon which we enjoyed together. He was an inspiring and compassionate person and my life would not be all that it is to me if I had not known him. He was a faithful father and a great friend. I wish only blessings for his family. Rest in peace sir. You have certainly earned it.*



Terry Turner - September 07, 2019 at 09:03 AM



“ *It happened to be this past Father's Day. My aunt, he and myself woke up before everyone else and ate a small breakfast, drank coffee and tea and just talked. It was quiet and peaceful.*

Jes Godfrey - September 07, 2019 at 05:49 AM

JL

“ *I'll never forget the great visits we had with Uncle Sarge growing up. He was always so kind and loving. My favorite time was when we came to stay with him and Aunt Edna after Kaden was born. I love and miss you... Until we see each other again.*



Jessica Long - September 06, 2019 at 12:24 PM

CS

“ *I remember my Uncle Clarence, being such a kind hearted person. Now he is at peace in heaven with all his family that have already left this Earth and made the journey to heaven. God bless each and everyone of them, we miss and love you all.*

Carol Schalow - September 06, 2019 at 12:02 PM

CS

“ *Carol Schalow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Godfrey*



Carol Schalow - September 06, 2019 at 11:55 AM

TR

“ *Twela Ropp lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Godfrey*



Twela Ropp - September 05, 2019 at 03:14 PM

FP

“ *Just being around Clarence, made one feel better and want to be a better person. He had the sweetest spirit a person could possess. He taught me how important is it is to truly care about others, and then do something to express the concern. I will miss him.*

Floyd Permenter

Floyd Permenter - September 05, 2019 at 11:55 AM

KM

“ *I am so saddened for the loss of Mr. Godfrey to his biological family and our church family. He was one of the most kind-hearted and happy person I've ever known. We always enjoyed talking about our roses when we greeted together on Sunday mornings at church and he always had a solution for my rose bush problems. I know he is rejoicing with Jesus and Mrs. Godfrey now in Heaven, and I am praying this brings comfort to his family.*

Karen Medford

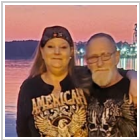
Karen Medford - September 05, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ *Donna Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Godfrey*



Donna Green - September 05, 2019 at 06:50 AM



“ *Mr. Clarence was a very nice respected man he was very intelligent I have got him parts for his vehicle for about 6 years always I. A good mood and make your day he will truly be missed RIP you are in no pain now until we meet again Godbless family and friends my thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



Kimberly An Dewayne Fancher - September 05, 2019 at 12:20 AM



“ *Melissa Clayton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Godfrey*



Melissa Clayton - September 04, 2019 at 11:32 PM



“ *Jason & Patricia Akin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Godfrey*



Jason & Patricia Akin - September 04, 2019 at 08:29 PM



“ *Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Godfrey*



Donna Aaron - September 04, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ *Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Godfrey*



Bob & Sue Henderson - September 04, 2019 at 01:28 PM