



Mr. George Dewey McClelland Sr.

May 4, 1922 - December 21, 2017

George Dewey McClelland completed his long and accomplished earthly journey, entering into the presence of his Lord and Savior on December 21, 2017, in Henderson, Texas. George was born on May 4, 1922, in Marshall, Texas. In 1931, George moved to Henderson with his parents, Marie Gehbauer McClelland and James Patrick McClelland, Sr., an attorney and abstracter. George was the oldest of three brothers. George graduated from Henderson High School in 1939 as valedictorian with a perfect 5, or A, average. In 1943, George graduated from Texas A&M as a Distinguished Student with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. During World War II, he served as Captain in the US Army Corps of Engineers, 1886th Aviation Battalion, on Guam and Okinawa. George served as Company Commander on Okinawa, where his group constructed B-29 and fighter fields.

On October 20, 1946, George married Sara Kyger McClelland in Henderson, Texas. George and Sara's 71-year marriage was a guiding light to all who knew this loving couple, and most of all to their children and grandchildren.

George and Sara lived in many locations across the United States, as George worked as an engineer for various companies in New Jersey, Connecticut, Texas, Oklahoma, Alabama, Washington DC, and California.

For twenty-six years, George and Sara lived in the Baton Rouge area while George worked for Dow Chemical's Louisiana Division in Plaquemine, retiring

as Chief Project Engineer in 1983. Their four children graduated from Lee High School. They were active members of the First Baptist Church of Port Allen and later Southside Baptist Church. George and Sara returned to Henderson, Texas, after retirement, re-joining First Baptist Church of Henderson.

George and Sara traveled to Europe and throughout the United States together. They accomplished many great projects, including the 9-1-1 mapping and addressing of Rusk County and Harrison County in Texas in the 1990s. George served as the Executive Director of the 9-1-1 district and was responsible for the implementation of 9-1-1 systems in Rusk and Harrison Counties. George worked full time without pay for three years, so Henderson, Rusk County, and Harrison County could have the most advanced 9-1-1 system. George served on the Board of Directors of both the Friends of Rusk County Library and the Heritage Association, participating in fundraising for both organizations. In 2003, George was named as one of the HISD Distinguished Alumni.

George is survived by his loving family: Children, Ann McClelland Bishop (Jerry Zamzow) of Houston; Mary Kay Kindhauser-McClelland (Georges) of Geneva, Switzerland; Patricia McClelland Williams (Larry) of Dallas; and George McClelland, MD (Tricia) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Sara and George have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren: James Bishop (Katherine) of Highlands Ranch, Colorado ; Margaux Kindhauser of Geneva, Switzerland; Katherine Lynn Williams McLeod (Peter) and Marie Claire Williams of Dallas; Ashley Marie McClelland Gallifant (Caleb) of Louisville, Kentucky; Sara Katherine McClelland David (Blake), Joseph McClelland, and Benjamin McClelland of Baton Rouge. Great grandchildren include Benjamin and Jason Bishop; and William and Julia Gallifant. George is also survived by his brother, Robert McClelland (Shirley) of Montgomery, Texas and his sister-in-law, Carol Lynn McClelland, and many loving nieces and nephews and their

extended families, whom he valued greatly. Special thanks are expressed to Michele Spaulding, George and Sara's caring and competent caregiver.

George is preceded in death by his wife, Sara Kyger McClelland; parents, Marie and Pat McClelland; and his brother, James Patrick McClelland, MD. He was also preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Faye McClelland.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at 1:00 pm followed by services at 2:00 pm at Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home Chapel, 1414 S. Main Street, Henderson, Texas. Officiating minister is Don Edmiston. Burial to follow at Lakewood Cemetery. Pallbearers are members of the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be made to the Friends of the Rusk County Library, 106 East Main Street, Henderson, Texas, 75652 or a charity of choice.

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

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

DEC 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

HS

“ Rest George, until you hear at dawn, the low, clear reveille of God. Thank you for your service to this nation. Captain, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, WWII. Pacific Theater.




Harry Simpson - September 28, 2023 at 01:47 PM

PW

“ Patricia Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Dewey McClelland Sr.



Patricia Williams - January 09, 2018 at 12:07 PM

 Debbie Kyger O'Quinn

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Debbie Kyger O'Quinn - December 27, 2017 at 05:36 PM

HF

“ I had so much respect for you and your loving wife, Sara. I know you are sharing a special place in heaven. My deepest sympathy to all of the family.

Hattie Farner.....Sara's caregiver 2006/2007.

Hattie Farner - December 27, 2017 at 10:35 AM

DS

“ I’m sorry for the loss of your father George, he sounded like a good and giving gentleman.

Donald Schexnayder

Donald Schexnayder - December 26, 2017 at 08:54 AM

SA

“ Thank you for your service to Rusk County and to the Nation in WWII.

Rest in Peace.

Sam Adams

Tatum, Texas

Sam Adams - December 23, 2017 at 04:07 PM

NG

“ Nancy Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Dewey McClelland Sr.



Nancy Gibson - December 22, 2017 at 10:24 PM

NG

“ I remember with great memories both George and Sara. I always enjoyed our visits and those of their daughter. Precious family and memories. Prayers and love. Nancy and Mark Gibson

Nancy Gibson - December 22, 2017 at 10:24 PM

LB

“ I worked with Mr. McClelland in the early stages of the 911 project for Rusk County. He and Sarah spent many long hours riding the back roads of Rusk County. He was a good and kind man. Sarah and George together again!

*Lisa Linder Barnett
New London, TX*

Lisa Barnett - December 22, 2017 at 09:36 AM

DO

“ Uncle George was very special. He always made us feel loved by inquiring about our lives when we got together. He had the most endearing ways and will certainly be missed.

Debbie, Tim, and TJ

Debbie Kyger O'Quinn - December 21, 2017 at 09:40 PM

BH

“ Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Dewey McClelland Sr.



Bob & Sue Henderson - December 21, 2017 at 11:21 AM