



Mr. Howard Clayton Leverett

July 3, 1932 - December 10, 2023

On Sunday, December 10, 2023, a light went out in Henderson as Howard Clayton Leverett, age 91, transcended from his earthly family to his heavenly Father where he will shine even more brightly.

A memorial service will be held for him on January 10, 2024 at First Methodist Church in Henderson, Texas at 1:00 with visitation in the church parlor for family and friends following the service. The service will be led by Pastors Ricky Ricks and Mike Mayhugh. Inurnment will be at the Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery in Dallas, Texas on January 12, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.

Howard was born on July 3, 1932 in Turnertown, Texas in the middle of the East Texas Oil Boom to Arter and Carrie Leverett. He was the third of six children. Growing up in Turnertown, sports were a major part of his life. He was chosen by the coaches of Gaston High as a Who's Who in Physical Education. He participated in three major sports, being on varsity teams for three of his years in high school. Those sports were basketball, football, and track, where he was considered "... outstanding in the hurdles, broad jump, discus, shot, and dashes" quoting the coaches. After graduation from Gaston in 1951, he attended Kilgore Junior College on a football scholarship until he re-injured a knee, and his football career was over. He then enlisted in the Navy where he was assigned to the Naval Air Corp and served on aircraft carriers in the Korean Conflict. After discharge from the Navy in 1955, he returned to East Texas and began his career in the Oil Field working for Miller

and Company of New London and Gibson Drilling of Kilgore. During this period, he prospected on government lands for uranium in Utah, Nevada and Wyoming. In 1963, he started Leverett Well Service and never looked back until retiring and selling his company in 1997.

As a lifetime resident of East Texas, Howard was active for many years in community life. He was a member of the Optimist Club, Lake Cherokee Club member as well as a member of the board, a member of Henderson Country Club, and on the board of directors of several banks in Henderson. As a member of First United Methodist Church, he was Sunday School Superintendent for many years and a faithful member of the Lemons Sunday School Class. After retirement, he found great joy (and great frustration) in playing golf and enjoying the friendship of his fellow golfers.

In 1985, Howard's life changed again. After prior marriages and with his two sons, he melded his family with his new wife and her two sons. He and Zulyenne Coleman Mabe were married in Midland, Texas, having met through Howard's sister and brother-in-law in Midland. And they lived happily ever after until Parkinson's disease reared its ugly head! Even after that, they worked at keeping it from conquering them.

Howard is preceded in death by his parents, his sister and brother-in-law, Lula and her husband, Garner Wilde; brother, Canty Leverett, brother, Bill Leverett; sister, Ruth Rainwater, and brother, George Carroll Leverett. He is survived by his wife, Zulyenne Leverett of thirty-eight years; sons, Steve Leverett of Lewisville, Texas and Stan Leverett of Austin, Texas; Jeff Mabe (Aimee) of San Diego, California; and Matthew Mabe (Katie) of New York City. Also, surviving him are three granddaughters: Emma and Madelynn of San Diego and Harper Lee of New York City. Additionally, mourning his loss are nieces and nephews who fondly remember their growing up with Uncle Howard.

The family, also, wants to extend its heartfelt thanks to all of the people who have embraced us so lovingly. We are so encircled by angels who have cared for us in the past, mourned with us for the loss of this beautiful man, and rejoiced with us when he escaped Parkinson's and lives again with no limitations. We appreciate our church family, especially the Lemons Class, Autumn Leaves and its staff, Angel Care Hospice, and all of our wonderful and supportive friends. Surely, if the rest of the world were like Henderson, it would be in a better condition now. Memorials, if so inclined, suggested are to Angel Care Hospice, First Methodist Church and any of your choice.

"When Christ died, he died for you individually just as much as if you had been the only person in the world." --C. S. Lewis

"One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And death shall be no more; death, thou shalt die."--John Donne, Holy Sonnets, 10, l. 13

"Heaven is a place where your dreams come true." --Dad in "Field of Dreams" Movie

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church
204 N. Marshall St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Committal service

JAN 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Tribute Wall

FB

“ Frank Karen Bane lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett



Frank & Karen Bane - January 08, 2024 at 05:04 PM

LG

“ Uncle Howard was my very favorite Uncle. My mother Lula was his sister. We would travel to Turnertown as a child to see my Grandmother and Uncle Howard would always bring his pick up truck when he came over to see us. For me and my sister (city girls from Midland) to ride in the bed of that truck was one of my fondest memories. We'd always need to take a trip to get ice cream or soda water (as he called it) or check on his rigs. He'd bring a stick with him in case his rig men weren't working and needed to use it. We didn't know all of these were just his made up stories. Later in life as we got older we'd laugh about all his fictitious stories! He was one of the sweetest and kindest men I have known, so clearly he would never have hurt a flea! He will definitely be missed but memories I have will last forever ❤️

Laura Greenwood - January 04, 2024 at 10:29 AM

LG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Laura Greenwood - January 04, 2024 at 10:17 AM

LG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Laura Greenwood - January 04, 2024 at 10:14 AM

JD

“ Jeanne deVezin lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett



Jeanne deVezin - December 16, 2023 at 08:40 PM

NH

“ Nancy Herrington lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett



Nancy Herrington - December 15, 2023 at 03:29 PM

SH

“ Sue HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard Clayton Leverett



Sue HENDERSON - December 15, 2023 at 12:55 PM

JW

“ Zulyenne, so sorry to hear of your loss.
Howard was such a nice person. We always
enjoyed our visits in the restaurants around
town. May God bless you with His peace .
Robert and Janet Williams



Janet Williams - December 15, 2023 at 10:57 AM

KH

“ Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Howard
Leverett



Kurt Hunt - December 13, 2023 at 04:09 PM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of
Howard Leverett



Gary Wilkerson - December 13, 2023 at 04:01 PM

JT

“ Jill Turner lit a candle in memory of Howard
Leverett



Jill Turner - December 13, 2023 at 08:11 AM

MW

“ *Melba (nick name Dotsy Wells) lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett*



Melba Sipriano. (nick name Dotsy Wells) - December 12, 2023 at 08:55 PM

CN

“ *Clay & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett*



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - December 12, 2023 at 05:32 PM

RS

“ *Rex Stevens lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett*



Rex Susan Stevens - December 12, 2023 at 03:00 PM

LS

“ *Lee Peggy Scoggins lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett*



Lee and Peggy Scoggins - December 12, 2023 at 12:55 PM

LW

“ *Lacy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett*



Lacy Weaver - December 12, 2023 at 11:21 AM

JB

“ *Jill Bassett lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett*



Jill Bassett - December 12, 2023 at 01:05 AM

TB

“ *Rest in peace*



Toni Barton - December 11, 2023 at 11:56 PM

DC

“ *David Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett*



David and Jan Crow - December 11, 2023 at 08:19 PM

DG

“ *What a classy man. My Dad knew Howard and appreciated him and his friendship for more than 50 years. Always friendly and pleasant to be around, treated people like he'd want to be treated. Zulyne, he was lucky & blessed to have you, and you him. Stan, Steve, Jeff, Matt, know you all will miss him. Dan, you too. And we'll miss him too.*

- David & Linda Gray

David Gray - December 11, 2023 at 06:57 PM

JJ

“ *Jon Sandy Johnston lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett*



Jon & Sandy Johnston - December 11, 2023 at 06:56 PM

JH

“ *Jenny Hardy lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett*



Jenny Hardy - December 11, 2023 at 06:29 PM

BG

“ Praying for peace and comfort for family and friends.

Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - December 11, 2023 at 04:02 PM

GG

“ Greg Linda Gooding lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett



Greg and Linda Gooding - December 11, 2023 at 03:59 PM

PP

“ Paul Lisa Powell lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett



Paul and Lisa Powell - December 11, 2023 at 03:00 PM

SM

“ Shirley Mayo lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett



Shirley Mayo - December 11, 2023 at 12:15 PM

CW

“ So sorry for your loss of Howard, zulyenne. He was a nice gentleman and will be missed by those of us who knew him.

Cyndy Willard - December 11, 2023 at 11:05 AM



“ Janis Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett



Janis Rutherford - December 11, 2023 at 10:56 AM

DP

“ Donna Pena lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett



Donna Pena - December 11, 2023 at 10:46 AM

DW

“ Dianne Wylie lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett



Dianne Wylie - December 11, 2023 at 10:34 AM

CW

“ Howard will be so missed in our community. Praying for God to comfort you all during these sad days. Sending love.

Cyndi Walker - December 11, 2023 at 09:58 AM

ML

“ Misty From Autumn Leaves lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett



Misty Copeland From Autumn Leaves - December 11, 2023 at 09:42 AM

TT

“ Our most sincere condolences and prayers abound for the Leverett family.

Lori & Terry Tyson



Terry Tyson - December 11, 2023 at 09:26 AM

SH

“ Sally Hosea lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett



Sally Hosea - December 11, 2023 at 09:23 AM



“ *Barbara J Jolley lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett*



Barbara J Jolley - December 11, 2023 at 09:10 AM



“ *Monica Bob Sanders lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett*



Monica and Bob Sanders - December 11, 2023 at 08:55 AM



“ *Virginia Irwin lit a candle in memory of Howard Leverett*



Virginia Irwin - December 11, 2023 at 08:30 AM



“ *Mark Gibson sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard Leverett*



Mark & Nancy Gibson - December 11, 2023 at 12:48 AM

MM

“ We extend sympathy to the Leverett Family.
Milton and Sharla McGee



Milton McGee - December 10, 2023 at 01:50 PM

DR

We send our love and condolences to Zulyne and the Leverett family.

Donald & Diane Ross - December 12, 2023 at 04:00 PM