



## Mr. Orion Kelly "O.K." Stroud

January 15, 1930 - September 18, 2017

Funeral services for Mr. Orion "O.K." Kelly Stroud, 87, of Henderson, will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, September 21, 2017, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Rev. Shawn Heatherly and Rev. Debbie Tipps officiating. Interment will follow at Lakewood Memorial Park under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Visitation will be from 1:00 pm to service time on Thursday at the funeral Home.

Orion Kelly Stroud was born in Rusk County on January 15, 1930 to Gaston Orion Stroud and Virginia Madge Tipps Stroud. He passed away September 18, 2017 at age 87. He was a long time heart survivor, having his first open heart surgery in 1972 at age 42.

He grew up at the Gulf Oil Camp off highway 79 where he enjoyed a wonderful childhood fishing, hunting, and riding his horse. In childhood he was a member of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. He started to school at the Pleasant Grove school, later attending the Carlisle school when they consolidated. He was a 1947 graduate of the Carlisle High School. Later he was a student at the Kilgore Junior College and drove a bus for the college.

Orion volunteered to the United States Air Force in December 1950 during the

Korean War. He served in Japan before being discharged in May 1954. He and Geraldine Burton were married on June 23, 1951. They enjoyed 66 happy years together. He was employed in 1954 by the Texas Eastman Company, retiring in 1986. He and Gerrie enjoyed 30 years of retirement. Working at the family farm, traveling with their friends Stanley and Jo Ann Dulany in their R.V. In recent years they traveled with the Oil Patch R.V. Club. Orion was a long time member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, where he served in many capacities.

He was preceded in death by his parents, many aunts, uncles, and cousins, a special uncle, George Wood Tipps, who was like a brother to him.

Survived by his wife Geraldine; his son, Robert Orion and wife Jane; granddaughter Cara Elizabeth Williams and husband Christopher; and great-grandsons, Conlan Reid and Felix Orion Williams; son, George Kelly Stroud and wife Susan; grandson, Shawn Eric Sams and wife Katie; great-granddaughters, Paisley Grace, Presley Quinn,, and Ryer Kelly Sams; and sister-in-law, Georgia Crawford and husband Jack, and their children, Debbie Hoffman, and Jack Glenn Crawford, Jr..

Pallbearers will be George Wood Tipps Jr., Shawn Eric Sams, Jack G. Crawford Jr., Gary Wilkerson, Bruce Gasaway, and Bill Turner. Honorary pallbearers will be Troy Moran, Earl Rogers, Greg Janes, Randy Chote, John Metcalf, Eugene Pieter, Gailon Johnson, Byron Deason, Sidney Ashby, and Richard E. Burton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: St. Paul's United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1226, Henderson, TX 75653, American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231, or Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

SW

“ Steve Webb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orion Kelly "O.K." Stroud



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**steve webb** - October 04, 2017 at 11:09 PM

MM

“ Melissa Morton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orion Kelly "O.K." Stroud



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**Melissa Morton** - October 02, 2017 at 04:25 PM

BM

“ I worked with Orion starting in 1962 at Texas Eastman. He was a mentor to me and would take out the time to explain things in great detail to me. He remained in great physical condition even after having his first heart bypass around 1971. This served him well for many years as he continued to walk and exercise each day at lunch time while he was working at Eastman. My thoughts are with the family at this time.

*Billy F. Martin  
Longview, Texas*

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**Billy F. Martin** - September 28, 2017 at 03:24 PM

TS

“ *Our sincere condolences. We were honored to be able to spend time with him during his visit in Garland to see the twins.*

*-Tim and Tammy*

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**Tim Shivers** - September 27, 2017 at 02:18 PM

PP

“ *So sorry about Orion... A fine man, and good friend and cousin....I was out of town for the services, but my thoughts and prayers are with his family....Pud Patterson*

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**pud patterson** - September 21, 2017 at 07:23 PM

PP

“ *Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orion Kelly "O.K." Stroud*



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**pud patterson** - September 21, 2017 at 07:20 PM

CW

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Stroud's passing. Lots of memories from days at St. Paul's church. Deepest condolences to all of you.*



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**Cyndi Walker** - September 21, 2017 at 07:13 PM

RJ

“ Randy And Tracey Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orion Kelly "O.K." Stroud



randy and Tracey Johnson - September 20, 2017 at 09:29 PM

RF

Praying for you Gerrie and your family. We were so very sorry to learn of Orion's passing, Randy, Tracey, Peggy and Family.

randy and Tracey Johnson and Family - September 20, 2017 at 09:31 PM

SM

“ Steve And Sandy McMurray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orion Kelly "O.K." Stroud



steve and sandy mcmurray - September 20, 2017 at 07:24 PM

MJ

“ Marilyn Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orion Kelly "O.K." Stroud



Marilyn Johnson - September 20, 2017 at 04:47 PM

SF

“ Shannon Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orion Kelly "O.K." Stroud



Shannon Foster - September 20, 2017 at 03:15 PM

FH

“ Fred & Marsha Head lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orion Kelly "O.K." Stroud



Fred & Marsha Head - September 20, 2017 at 03:02 PM

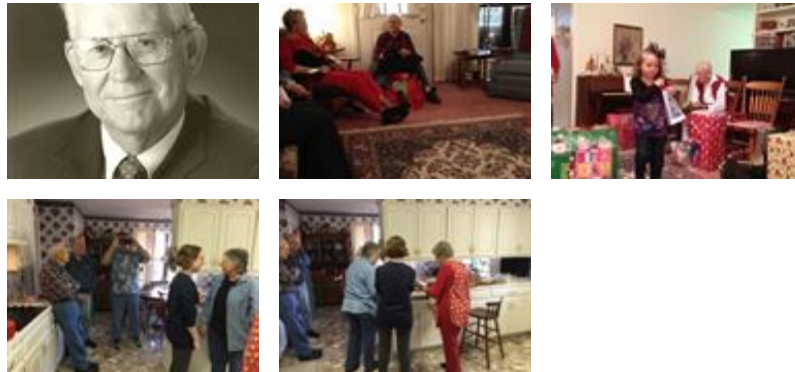
FH

Dear Geraldine:  
Our thoughts and our prayers are with you and your family.  
With our love and our deepest sympathy,  
Fred & Marsha Head

Fred and Marsha Head - September 20, 2017 at 05:15 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - September 20, 2017 at 02:20 PM

RK

“ *Ronnie Keith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orion Kelly "O.K." Stroud*



Ronnie Keith - September 20, 2017 at 09:11 AM

BH

“ *Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orion Kelly "O.K." Stroud*



Brent Hale - September 20, 2017 at 06:32 AM

WP

“ *Wes Partin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orion Kelly "O.K." Stroud*



Wes partin - September 20, 2017 at 12:01 AM

JT

“ *What a handsome photo of one of the sweetest men who ever lived! My heart aches for you and for those of us who loved him, but I know that heaven is a sweeter place today because he is there.*

Jill and Bill Turner - September 19, 2017 at 10:44 PM

EM

“ *Ethel Mae Mullins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orion Kelly "O.K." Stroud*



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**Ethel Mae Mullins** - September 19, 2017 at 08:49 PM

DC

“ *David and I have known this sweet couple for many years. We are members of Allison Chapel United Methodist Church in Fair Play, Texas. We were at one time on the same Charge with Saint Paul's UMC in Henderson. For seven years, we shared so much, including Pastor Lynn Loe. Now, I am the secretary of St. Paul's. One of the first to let me know he was glad I was with and serving at the church was Mr. Stroud. St. Paul's will miss Mr. Orion Stroud not just for the many things he did at the church, but his love and support of others and the church. We will always remember your sweet smile and you . Mr. Stroud for being the gentleman you were. 2 Timothy 4:7," I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful." Rest in peace, Orion Stroud.*



*David and Kathy Chapman*

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**David & Kathy Chapman** - September 19, 2017 at 07:45 PM

SF

*Mr. Stroud was a patient of mine. I am deeply saddened to hear of his passing. He was a sweet man and he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. Geraldine*

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**Shannon Foster** - September 20, 2017 at 03:14 PM

WR

“ *Winnie Ramey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orion Kelly "O.K." Stroud*



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**Winnie Ramey** - September 19, 2017 at 07:32 PM

MC

“ *I will truly miss seeing him every Sunday in church at St. Paul's. He was such a wonderful man who always offered a warm smile and an encouraging word - an essential part of our foundation at St Paul's. My thoughts and prayers are with you Mrs. Stroud, and all of the family.*

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**Melissa Clayton** - September 19, 2017 at 02:04 PM

AR

“ *Alfred Ritter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orion Kelly "O.K." Stroud*



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**Alfred Ritter** - September 19, 2017 at 01:16 PM

CC

“ *Chris Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orion Kelly "O.K." Stroud*



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**Chris Cavaliere** - September 19, 2017 at 06:43 AM



Roberta Vallantyne

“ *A sweet man! He was a terrific person, willing to help his fellow man. Prayers for his family and friends.*



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**Roberta Vallantyne** - September 18, 2017 at 10:45 PM

JW

*We are saddened to hear of Orion's physical health struggles and death..... Orion was a great guy, always/always thinking of others..... in all the years we knew Orion, we cannot recall him ever being anything but pleasant, cordial and humorous...he was a great guy AND a funny guy..... he has left us with wonderful memories... most of all, however, we will remember how he loved Geraldine and his family beyond measure. Our thought and prayers are with family and friends.. John & Tina Wisdom*

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**Jihn & Tina Wisdom** - September 19, 2017 at 01:04 PM

DB

*I first met Orion in 1960 when I started to work in the same department at Eastman. He was a great friend and help to me. I was really sorry to hear of his death but I was very happy that I had called him and we met one day in July at the Henderson Livestock sale where we sat and talked and watched my calves sell while we talked about "old times". Our visit was not long enough. Dael Baiughman*

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**Dael Baughman** - September 24, 2017 at 04:02 PM