



Mr. Richard Lamar "Doc" Brinkley

March 23, 1924 - May 10, 2016

Richard Lamar "Doc" Brinkley, 92, a longtime resident of Andrews, passed away on May 10, 2016 in his current home of Waco, Texas. Graveside services will be held at Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Henderson at 10AM Thursday, May 12, 2016 with Rev. Ronnie Scott officiating. A committal will follow under the direction of Crawford - A. Crim Funeral Home. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 from 6 to 8PM at the funeral home.

Doc was born on March 23, 1924 in Gibsland, Louisiana, to Leonard Leo and Ameer Jane Brinkley. After growing up in Bienville Parish he joined the U.S. Army in November 1944. While attending training at Camp Roberts, California, a friend recommended he join the paratroopers. He served in the 101st Airborne Division during World War II in Europe, making two combat parachute jumps, one in Normandy on D-Day and one in Holland. He participated in many other battles, including the Battle of Bulge at Bastogne. His decorations and citations include the Bronze Star Medal, Victory Medal, and two Purple Hearts.

He married the love of his life, Clarine Murphy, on February 23, 1947, in Shreveport, Louisiana. They celebrated 68 years together. They moved to Andrews in 1956 where they raised their daughters, Dianne and Connie. Doc had a long career in the oil industry while working for Stanolind Oil and Gas which later became Amoco Production. He spent most of his 33 years with

Amoco at the South Fullerton Plant outside of Andrews.

Doc enjoyed collecting and restoring classic, antique, and special interest cars. They traveled all over the U.S. attending car shows where he entered his collection, including a 1937 Cord Phaeton, 1931 Model A Ford Roadster, 1948 Lincoln Continental, 1925 Buick, 1936 Mercedes replica and numerous military vehicles.

Doc and Clarine were active in local and national car clubs including the Antique Automobile Association of America. They were members of the CAF Desert Squadron in Odessa, Means Memorial United Methodist Church, and were very active at the Andrews Senior Center. Doc's greatest enjoyments were time spent with family, socializing with car buddies, and guitar picking with his friends.

He is survived by his wife, Clarine; and daughters, Dianne deMerville and husband Brent of Waco, and Connie Woertendyke and husband Randy of Southlake.

Memorials may be sent to the Andrews Senior Center or the Andrews Veterans Memorial, or also to the National Rifle Association.

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

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Hwy 323 and CR 4131
Henderson, TX 75654

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Graveside

MAY 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Pleasant Hill Cemetery
Hwy 323
Henderson, TX 75652

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Enjoyed many afternoon after school watching and helping Doc restore old car he would always give me a ride as he promised when the car was road worthy I once watched him move a taillight 1/32 of a inch to make the exactly level one of a kind Doc was that*

Michael Crow - November 08, 2016 at 02:20 AM

MC

“ *Michael Crow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lamar "Doc" Brinkley*



Michael Crow - November 08, 2016 at 02:14 AM

LC

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Brinkly Family. "Doc" is well remembered in Andrews. Our prayers are with you all, may peace grace your hearts during this time.*
Larry&Elizabeth Crutcher

Larry&Elizabeth Crutcher - May 11, 2016 at 07:50 PM

RJ

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Rex Johnson - May 11, 2016 at 03:14 PM