



Arvel Batterton

April 30, 1920 - January 2, 2016

Lawrence Arvel Batterton was born April 30, 1920, to Robert Anderson and Martha Whited Batterton in Denton County, Texas, and went home to the Lord on January 2, 2016. He was a gentle, kind man who was greatly loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

Arvel married Merle McCall on April 18, 1944, in Hondo, Texas, while serving in the Army Air Corps. He retired from the Air Force in 1969 and moved to Huntsville to begin a new career in Transportation at TDC from which he again retired after many years of service.

Arvel's beloved Merle died in September, 1976. In June of 1979, he married the second love of his life, Louise Yates Anderson.

Papaw, as his family called him, and "Batt" to his co-workers was truly a jack of all trades. In the Air Force, where he attained the rank of Master Sergeant, he was an airplane mechanic and later worked in the missile program. He went to school to learn to work on clocks and watches. He could fix or build anything. After his retirement from TDCJ, he spent countless hours working on projects around University Heights Baptist Church where he sang in the choir and ran the sound booth for many years. He also worked with Habitat for Humanity and loved working with the Reynolds family on church building mission trips.

He and Louise were members of the Huntsville Community Senior Adult Choir. They were also avid gardeners and were especially proud to win the Huntsville Garden Club's Yard of the Month in July, 1990. As a child, he lived on a pecan orchard. When he moved into his home in Huntsville he started planting pecan trees in his yard. He and Louise harvested, picked out and gave away hundreds of pounds of pecans in their last few years at home.

Arvel was preceded in death by his first wife, Merle, an infant daughter, and four of his five siblings. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Louise Yates Anderson Batterton; sister, Dee Bickley of Denton, Texas; son, Larry Charles Batterton and wife, Susan, of Deer Park, Washington; son, Terry Wayne Batterton and wife, Marilyn, of Huntsville; daughter, Carla Anderson Bell and husband, Sherman, of Huntsville; and grandchildren: Andrea Batterton Watson; Ryan Batterton and wife, Jody; Julie Batterton Durham and husband, Aloar; Bethany Batterton Helgeson and husband, Eric; Sarah Bell Chatfield and husband, Neal; Amanda (Mandy) Bell Russell and husband, Brandon; and Chief Petty Officer Thomas Bell and wife, Amanda (Manda); 24 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

The family wishes to thank Nurse Jan and her staff at the Assisted Living Unit of Carriage Inn and the wonderful hospice nurses Carol, Setha, Victoria and Emily who took such loving care of Papaw in his final illness.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The service will be at University Heights Baptist Church, 2400 Sycamore, Huntsville, Texas, on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to University Heights Baptist Church, Huntsville, Texas; Texas Baptist Home for

Children, Waxahachie, Texas; or the charity of your choice.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Service

JAN 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church of Huntsville
2400 Sycamore Avenue
Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Arvel Batterton*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Glenna Goodrum lit a candle in memory of Arvel Batterton*



Glenna Goodrum - January 13, 2016 at 08:57 AM



So sorry for your loss. I know he will be missed.

Glenna Goodrum - January 13, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ *Mr. Batterton was one of the first people I met when I moved to Huntsville in the early 80,s when I took a job with the Trans. Dept at the Wynne Unit. A very kind, patient and knowledgeable man is my memory of him.*

Tony Barrio - January 11, 2016 at 04:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Arvel Batterton.*



January 10, 2016 at 08:50 PM

TB

“ Arvel has left such a legacy of service and his family should be proud. He will certainly be missed. Praying you receive comfort through this difficult time. We love you Miss Louise!

Teresa Ballesteros - January 05, 2016 at 07:08 AM

KC

“ Kim Card lit a candle in memory of Arvel Batterton



Kim Card - January 04, 2016 at 09:42 PM

KC

My prayers are with you and your family.

Kim Card - January 04, 2016 at 09:43 PM

ML

“ I have so many sweet memories of earlier times at UHBC and Mr. Batterton is in many of those memories. What a sweet faithful man! I know he will be so sorely missed by his sweet family and so many friends! You are all in my prayers!

Mary Lucas - January 04, 2016 at 09:38 PM

MS

“ I was stunned when I heard the news of his passing. He was such a phenomenal man of God. I considered myself very blessed growing up at UHBC where he was a very faithful servant. Thank you sir for your Awesomeness. RIP Mr. Batterton.

Michael Schroeder - January 04, 2016 at 08:45 PM

DG

“ So sorry to hear of Arvels' passing. I know he is with the lord. I shall miss him. We had a good time in choir together. Please accept my deepest sympathy on your loss.
Dick and Fran Gillum

Dick Gillum - January 04, 2016 at 07:30 PM

AJ

“ Wow!! What a legend Arvel leaves behind from being a true gentleman to a jack of all trades and used his skills to serve others. We all will miss him, especially when Arvel had something to say in his Bible study group everyone listened intently.

Anita Jones - January 03, 2016 at 08:22 PM

CH

“ Arvel was a wonderful Christian man and he will be greatly missed. Our prayers and condolences to his family.
Charles & Jo Ann Lawson

Charles - January 03, 2016 at 08:09 PM

LC

“ Louise, Terry, and Carla , our thought and prayers are with you. Arvel was a remarkable man who loved The Lord and his family. We will miss him, his sweet smile, and the bags he flattened with precision. *Linda Clinton*

Linda Clinton - January 03, 2016 at 03:55 PM

KB

I had the privilege of being Arvel's pastor at Carriage Inn the short time he lived there. It was a great blessing for me personally to get to know the Batterton family and witness the precious care for their parents even as the Lord was preparing Arvel to take him home. My prayers are with the family because I know Arvel is celebrating his new home with Jesus. Our church at Carriage Inn will truly miss him.

Ken Bugh

Ken Bugh - January 05, 2016 at 05:00 PM