



LaVerne Alden Ashley

January 9, 1929 - October 24, 2013

LaVerne Alden Ashley LaVerne Alden Ashley passed from this life October 20, 2013 with his family at his bedside. He was 84. Vern was born January 9, 1929 in Cozad, Nebraska to Fred and Georgia Ashley. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1946 at the age of 17, doing two tours of duty with a brief break in between. During that break he worked for the State of California Forestry Service as a firefighter. In 1950 he married Alice Jarboe. He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in 1951, and began his career at the Charles H. Hires Company in Washington D.C. He thrived to become the youngest general manager in Hires history, managing the plants in Washington D.C., Boston, and eventually moved to Houston to open the newest branch of the Company. He also held the position of President of the Houston Soft Drink Bottlers Association for many years. In 1962, he went to work for the Imperial Sugar Company as head of Industrial Sugar Sales. In 1970, he left Imperial to start his own company, Ashley's Interiors Unlimited Inc., where he had numerous locations over the years. He retired in 2001. Mr. Ashley was also a Mason and a Shriner. His most enjoyed times were spending time with his love, Raye Nell, riding the bus to the casino and telling stories of his past. His kindness and generosity will be remembered by many. He is survived by his loving companion, Raye Nell Kohlhauff, daughter and son-in-law Elizabeth and Bobby Simpson, grandchildren Joshua Simpson and Ashley Simpson and great-grandchildren Ashtyn and Ayden Jenkins. He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Alice, his parents, Fred and

Georgia, brother, Wayne, and sister, Jean. A Masonic graveside service will be held Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 2:00 pm at Oakwood Cemetery Mayes Addition under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *LaVerne Alden Ashley*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I have some very fond memories of Mr. Ashley and playing in his shop when I was little. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jessie (Klinger) Crabtree - October 31, 2013 at 07:42 PM



“ *My Dear Raye Nelda, I wish I could wrap my arms around you. It hurts me to think of you in pain. You have an amazing inner strength which I hope will see you through this. Just know that I am thinking about you and still love you dearly.*

Nina - October 23, 2013 at 05:18 PM



“ *We would not have known Verne had it not been for Raye Nell. Thank you for introducing us to such a likeable character who turned out to be such a great friend. We have enjoyed spending time with and sharing Verne's and your hospitality during all our times together at the lake. He had some tall tales to tell about all his experiences. There was never a dull moment around Verne. We shall miss him greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you, his family. Take comfort in knowing that he is no longer in pain. God bless you all.*

Vickie & Al Slabbaert - October 23, 2013 at 12:06 AM

MF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mellicent Wiley & Family - October 22, 2013 at 01:06 PM

MS

“ Liz, Bobby and Family,
Remember all the great things and accomplishments your Father,
Grandfather and Great Grandfather has done throughout his life. As
LaVerne was my Uncle, when I was young Uncle Verne called me
"Sonny". He said I had a bright smile. He also had a very bright
smile.

My prayers are with all of you.

The good Lord will give you Peace and help you through the hard
times ahead.

Your Cousin,

Mel Snow 10/22/13

Mel Snow - October 22, 2013 at 11:06 AM

LG

“ Elizabeth, Bobby, Josh and Ashley,

I am so sorry for you loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you
during this difficult time.

Liz Gray

Liz Gray - October 21, 2013 at 10:00 PM