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Milton Henry Steffen, Jr., one of the WWII “war babies”, was born August 14, 1942, at Huntsville Memorial Hospital on Avenue O in Huntsville, TX. He died on July 15, 2025, at Bayou Manor nursing home in Houston. He was the son of Milton and Ruth Parish Steffen, college sweethearts at Sam Houston State; married March 26, 1941 @ Ft. Benning, GA.

With the uncertainties of the pending war, Ruth came home to Huntsville to await the arrival of the baby. Hoping against hope the father-to-be would get leave in time for the birth, Ruth was relieved when the beaming father arrived just hours after the birth.

When mother and baby could travel, they joined Milton, Sr. with the Texas 36th Division at Camp Edwards on Cape Cod, MA until deployment to North Africa, then Italy. Ruth and Milton, Jr. returned to spend the war years at her mother’s home in Huntsville.

Major Steffen, Sr. was killed in action January 20, 1944, as his battalion (143rd) was ambushed crossing the Rapido River.

Perhaps it was the years spent during the war and post-war at his grandmother's house on 14th Street, that Henry remained close to his Parish aunts, uncles and cousins.

In 1949, Ruth remarried Glyn Turner who was for all practical purposes Milton Henry Steffen, Jr.'s "real" father.

Milton graduated at the top his class at Huntsville High School (1960), Rice University (1964), University of Texas law school (1967). He passed the Texas bar exam and all sections of the CPA exams with ease.

Known for his dry wit, he could be counted on for a quick, sly comeback in any battle of words.

Most of Milton's life (or Henry's depending on how one knew him) was lived in his beloved Houston, Texas.

He is survived by his sister, Glynda Turner, of Huntsville, Texas and a host of cousins. Henry's Houston family includes many supportive friends at Bering Memorial United Church of Christ.

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. Tributes and remembrances may be made at www.shmfh.com

Donations in his memory may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Milton and I grew up together in church and in school. We had many classes together in high school. I remember our senior year when we were both in the Senior play together. I think we both always remembered that. My condolences are with his sister and other relatives.

Jane Ann Barrett Durbin - July 28, 2025 at 09:29 PM

GL

Thank you, Jane Ann. I almost mentioned the senior play, Room for the Groom. Good to hear from you. You show up in his class photos all the way back to Mrs. McCray's kindergarten. Glynda

Glynda - August 05, 2025 at 06:28 PM

SS

“ Glynda, I am so sorry for your loss. You must be going through so many mixed emotions. Hopefully there will be a notice of the future Celebration of Life service. Surprised & glad to hear you are back in Huntsville. I look forward to visiting with you soon. Love, Sue

Sue Smith - July 28, 2025 at 04:38 PM

JG

“ This is sad news for me. Milton was a very dear friend all our childhood at First Methodist church and in the Huntsville schools. We were together in Sunday School and the Youth group where we were both very active and regular attendees. We had classes together at HHS and he was always the smartest one in class. I enjoyed studying chemistry with him . Milton took me to some of the HHS proms and Homecoming dances. I always enjoyed visiting Milton at our HHS class reunions. He will be missed. With sympathy to his sister and cousins,
Jane Ferguson German

Jane Ferguson German - July 26, 2025 at 07:25 PM

GL

Jane, Good to hear from you. I almost mentioned in my comment to Jane Ann that there were 2 Jane's in that class from beginning to end. I remember you both all the way back. I guess I wasn't there yet at the very beginning.

Glynda - August 05, 2025 at 06:34 PM

SE

Oh Glynda, what a wonderful obituary. How well I remember Milton at your home when he was most likely studying and the slumber party girls keeping him up and annoyed with our running up and down the stairs! He was a trooper and never got mad, that I can remember. My deepest condolences Glynda. 💖

Sally Espy - October 30, 2025 at 09:48 AM

GT

Sally, I just now saw this. Thanks for remembering and how we loved to annoy him!

Glynda Turner - January 31 at 12:52 PM

BO

“ Our prayers of comfort and peace for the family. My wife and I were classmates with Glynda at Huntsville High School and we both knew her parents. Our hope and prayer will be for a great celebration of Henry's life with family and friends.
Bobby and Janet Jordan

Bobby - July 22, 2025 at 04:01 PM

GL

Thank you.

Glynda - August 05, 2025 at 06:35 PM

MF

“ *Lifting up the family and friends of Milton Steffen Jr. for comfort and healing from our Lord Jesus Christ.*



Marvin Hyvl & Family - July 22, 2025 at 12:08 PM