



Olin R. Holt

August 2, 1929 - December 3, 2024

Olin R. Holt passed away peacefully in his sleep on the afternoon of December 3, 2024. Olin was born on August 2, 1929 in Lawrence County, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents, James A. Holt and Leona (Barr) Moreland as well as his stepfather Ott Moreland and his wife of 51 years, Ruby Katheen (Lawson) Holt, his brothers Harold Holt and Richard Moreland, sister-in-law Mary Gilman and brother-in-law Ernest Gilman. Olin attended high school in Spencer, Indiana, and was a member of the National Guard. He left high school at the age of 16 to join the Army Air Corps (now the U.S. Air Force). He did this to serve his country in World War II, as well as to earn the G.I. Bill and to follow in his father's footsteps (his father was a veteran of both World War I and World War II). Olin was one of the last surviving veterans of World War II. He served as a sergeant and was a cryptographer. He served in Japan, Hawaii, the Philippines, and San Antonio, Texas. During his time in the military, he earned his G.E.D. He graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology and a Masters of Science degree in Geology. He also attended the University of Minnesota for additional graduate study.

Olin was a geologist for the Indiana Geological Survey, a logging engineer/petroleum engineer and log analyst for the Birdwell Division of the Seismograph Services Corporation. He was a geologist and well log analyst with Sinclair. During his tenure at PGAC, he was named Regional Log Analyst for the California Region in 1967. He worked as a Senior Log Analyst for

Dresser Atlas until he retired in 1988. After his retirement, he served as the Commander and also as the Quarter Master for the VFW Post 6899 in Trinity, Texas. He also volunteered with Crimestoppers in Trinity County for several years. At various times in his life, he served as a volunteer peace officer. Olin married Ruby Kathleen (Lawson) Holt on September 3, 1949 in Spencer, Indiana. They had 3 daughters: Mary Ballew, Linda Koffel, and Rita Holt. He was a very intelligent and humble man. He was a member of MENSA but declined to tell people. He loved to joke with his family and had a very “dry” sense of humor. He had a very strong sense of duty. He was sentimental, though, and especially enjoyed being with his family. He was a very quiet person and did not like to talk about himself. He enjoyed learning and often completed Great Courses in geology, astronomy, physics, calculus and languages at the age of 90+. He was an amateur photographer and a competitive archer. In his later years, he especially loved dancing the two-step at VFW dances.

Olin is survived by his daughters: Mary Ballew, Linda Koffel, Rita Holt; by his grandchildren: Olin Ballew, Branden Bledsoe, Rachel Albritton, Marcus DiFlavio; by his step-grandchildren: Michael Spencer, Sean Spencer; by his great grandchildren: Olin Ballew Jr., KayLin Cowan, Savannah McCowan, Benjamin Bledsoe, Brody Bledsoe, Baylor Bledsoe, Ellis Albritton, Wilson Albritton, Natalie DiFlavio, Colin Spencer, Jack Spencer, Sylvie Spencer, Margeaux Spencer, Leo Spencer; by his great great-grandson Hudson Cowan; by his nephew: Michael Gilman; his niece: Lisa Bracken; by his grandnieces Kelley Bracken, Hilary Gilman, Cara Farnham; by his great grandnephew Crue Gilman.

The funeral will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. There will be a viewing/visitation on December 15, 2024 also at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the Riverside Pioneer Cemetery in Riverside, Texas. A wake will follow at 14 Walker Trail near Riverside, Texas.

Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Pioneer Cemetery

14172 Front Street
Riverside, TX 77367

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340

Funeral Service

DEC 15. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

DEC 15. 1:30 PM (CT)

Riverside Pioneer Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Olin R. Holt.* ”



December 12, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ *Marvin Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Olin R. Holt* ”



Marvin Hyvl - December 10, 2024 at 10:32 AM