



Ralph Pierce Sherman

January 3, 1925 - February 23, 2014

Ralph P. Sherman passed from this life on Sunday, February 23, 2014, after a brief illness. Visitation will be held from 12:30 - 1:30- p.m., Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at Heritage Funeral Home in Brady. Graveside funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at Melvin Cemetery with burial to follow.

Ralph was born to Jesse and Allie Mae Sherman on January 3, 1925, in Melvin Texas. He was raised in McCulloch County with his 4 brothers and sisters, all of whom preceded him in death. Ralph served in the US Navy during World War II and received several medals during his service. Following his separation, he graduated from Baylor University and served as a Texas State Trooper out of Pecos.

After working many years for Sears & Roebuck, Ralph's entrepreneurial spirit led him to own convenience stores, pawn shops, and a childcare center; invest in real estate; and ultimately spend years as a realtor in both Fort Worth and Brownwood.

Ralph is survived by his wife Ruth Sherman; children Bruce Sherman and wife Carolyn, Deena Nichols and husband Jim, Jess Sherman, and Mike Sherman and wife Melissa; 10 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was the first born son and I was there with dad when he lived in a one room adobe shack in El Paso. He worked at Sears in downtown El Paso by a building that looked just like the Daily Planet where Clark Kent worked. He would pick me up on the weekends and away we'd go. I remember one delightful toy we got out of a cereal box. It was a little boat that was powered by baking soda. We put it in the double sink in the kitchen and watched the baking soda bubble as the boat motored about. Gillette's Friday night at the fights was the major event of the weekend. A tradition that I continued with my own sons. Dad was a dreamer and he always had a million dollar idea that was just waiting to be tapped. I can still remember him driving across the desert with me and as we rolled along he told me about an idea to set up road side camp sites with showers and trailer sites where travelers could stop over night as they motored across the country. In a few short years the KOA camp sites did just that. He would spin off all manner of wonderful ideas that even included a bra he patented. I don't think he ever made any money on that idea though, I did get a kick out of seeing the paper work on it many years later.

Family was his favorite thing and he loved nothing more than a family reunion or to gather the family together at Christmas time. As a little boy he and I would blaze across Texas at Christmas time to go see Pappy on the farm in Melvin, Texas. The farm was doing well then even though Melvin had started to fade. He took a film of a great flood we had there one Christmas. I can still remember the sound of the rushing water. He was always telling his dad how they could save Melvin and Pappy knew that it really wasn't possible, but that didn't keep dad from dreaming of a day when Melvin would make a great come back. So, now dad is going back to Melvin one last time. I love him still.

Bruce E. Sherman - February 26, 2014 at 01:44 AM

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“ To the Sherman/Nichols family, I am very sorry for your loss! I know how hard it is watching someone you love suffer from dementia and all the health complications that go along with that. May all of you draw strength from each other and the Lord as you grieve.

Sincerely,
Lindsey

Lindsey Arnold - February 25, 2014 at 11:14 PM

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“ Pappy Ralph, I wish we had known each other better and traded military stories over the years, generations apart. Thanks for the childhood memories of sitting around and listening to you play your harmonica, watching "Blazing Saddles", the pawn shop treasures, learning what "dad-gum" means, and my first sip of beer. I pray you're finally resting in peace. Amber (aka: "Capt'n")

amber nichols - February 25, 2014 at 10:22 PM