



Edgar Arvil Terrell

July 24, 1922 - January 28, 2022

Edgar Arvil Terrell, 99, of Lancaster, Texas, went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 28, 2022.

Edgar was born on July 24, 1922 in Snyder, Oklahoma to Corda and Chester Terrell, migrant farm workers of humble means. He liked to share stories of his hard-working parents, memories of picking cotton alongside them, living in a home with a dirt floor - even traveling by covered wagon to find work. One of his favorites was to say that he wasn't born in a hospital, but instead born at home "so I could be close to my mother."

He graduated from Diamond Hill High School in Ft. Worth, Texas and attended Baylor University.

Edgar joined the United States Navy on September 21, 1942 and proudly served in both theatres of World War II - the European Theatre aboard the USS Destroyer Escort Herbert C. Jones off the Italian coast of Anzio and then the Pacific Theatre aboard the USS Grundy. He was discharged from the Navy on October 31, 1945.

A proud veteran, he was often seen in his favorite World War II Veterans cap. He loved talking to people who would regularly stop him and thank him for his service to our country.

During one weekend leave in 1944, Edgar went to Lowell, Massachusetts with a couple of ship buddies. It was there he first met the love of his life, Lillian Nunes. She served him a chocolate malt at the local Five & Dime. He later said he just “happened” to be standing outside the door when she got off work that evening.

The story goes that after much convincing (she already had a promise ring from another suitor) Lillian boarded a train for Oklahoma to marry Edgar. The couple were wed on February 13, 1946, just one day before Edgar’s father, Chester, passed away.

Edgar and Lillian shared quite a love story, with a marriage that would span almost 58 years, and be filled with more joy and laughter than anyone can imagine.

Edgar’s greatest joy, next to his family, was sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with others. A pastor for more than 60 years at churches from Frederick, OK, to Wilmer and then Lancaster, TX, he touched more lives and preached more sermons, weddings and funerals than we can count. While small in stature, Edgar could deliver the gospel with gigantic joy.

Edgar was preceded in death by his loving wife, Lillian Nunes Terrell, and devoted daughter, Carolyn Sue Terrell Lee.

Edgar is survived by daughter Sandra Leavelle and husband, Benny, son Joe Terrell and wife, Hallye, son-in-law David Lee, 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Grandchildren are Jeromy Leavelle and wife, Donna, Ashley Norman and husband, Brad, Jack Edgar Terrell, Gillian Terrell, Cheryl Quisenberry and

husband, Robert, Curt Landers and wife, Reagan, David Lee, Jr., and wife, Terrie.

Great-grandchildren are Bradley Norman, Jr., Connor Landers and wife, Bella, Zachary Fuller, Austin Norman, Tyler Quisenberry, Cooper Quisenberry, Carlton Lee, Levi Leavelle, Noah Leavelle, Paige Leavelle, and Luke Landers. Great-great-grandchildren are Hudson Norman, Lillah Norman, Vivian Norman, Benjamin Landers, and Chloe Landers.

It would be remiss to omit Edgar's favorite "Paw-Pawisms," as they've been known to be called: from his "well, woo-pee-doo!" to "it's not fattening, it's just bumpy," to (while pointing to Lillian) "give the check to my mother." There were many more.

His favorite scripture, so very often quoted, was "Love Never Fails" - 1 Corinthians 13:8.

Cemetery Details

Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX

Previous Events

Interment - Family Only

FEB 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Dallas, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Lee, Quisenberry, Landers family. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Edgar Arvil Terrell.*



The Lee, Quisenberry, Landers family. - February 10, 2022 at 10:43 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Edgar Arvil Terrell.*



February 10, 2022 at 09:39 AM

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“ *David Williams and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Edgar Arvil Terrell.*



David Williams and Family - February 09, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Byrum Funeral Home - February 08, 2022 at 05:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Edgar Arvil Terrell.



February 07, 2022 at 09:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Edgar Arvil Terrell.



February 07, 2022 at 07:07 PM



“ 79 files added to the album Life Tributes



Byrum Funeral Home - February 07, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Byrum Funeral Home - February 07, 2022 at 12:43 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Edgar Arvil Terrell.



February 06, 2022 at 02:29 PM



“ God bless the family. He was our neighbor in Wilmer. I went to school with Carolyn. He always remembered me through the years. I called him brother Terrel. I was Fae's boy to him. We use to jump the hill in front of his house on our mini bikes and raise a ruckus. He was a great man.

Greg Hefner - February 03, 2022 at 09:00 AM

LC

“ I know Edgar will be missed by his family although they are all rejoicing because of where he is now! I am grateful I had the privilege of knowing him. He blessed so many people's lives. My heart goes out to his family as he will be greatly missed.

Love,
Linda Cottle

Linda Kaye Cottle - February 02, 2022 at 12:54 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edgar Arvil Terrell.



February 02, 2022 at 12:33 PM

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“ “Brother Terrell” as our family affectionately called him was not only our pastor at Pleasant Run Baptist Church but our friend. He joined my husband and I in holy matrimony on July 24..45 years ago, at some point during the evening he let us know that it was his birthday as well. In 2007 he officiated at our mother’s funeral, I will never forget him walking into my parents home like it was his own and sitting down at the kitchen table to help us plan her service. He was such a wonderful man and you could see and feel God’s love emit from him. Thanks Brother Terrell for loving our family, we will miss you. ❤️

Debbie Horn Frazier - February 01, 2022 at 09:38 PM

BD

“ Pastor Terrell was the Pastor at First Baptist Church in Wilmer TX when my parents (Hicks and Whaleys) were in highschool (1960's) and then around 2005-06 Pastor Terrell became our Pastor at Jouney Church in Lancaster until he officially permanently retired. He was the sweetest most caring man. He had two favorite phrases that he always quoted, "Love Never Fails" and "We'll Glory". I can see him now in heaven making everyone jump and laugh. One VBS we were having, Pastor Terrell joined in with the kids doing an obstacle course crawling under a rope grid and jumping up and down during music, in his late 80's. That's Pastor having a great time and teaching the younger generation that your never to old or young to have fun and learn about Jesus. Thank you Pastor Terrell for always being there to support us and loving ❤️ us unconditionally. Rest with Jesus. The Hicks, Whaley and the Davis family (Brenda)

Brenda Davis - February 01, 2022 at 07:24 PM

DA

“ For many decades, Bro. Terrell was a friend and great blessing to the McBride family. Whether making himself at home with a cup of coffee on the farmhouse porch or being a faithful pastor or officiating at their funerals, he was considered part of the family. We are grateful for his life and rejoice that he is with his Lord.

Dianne McBride Allen

Dianne Allen - February 01, 2022 at 06:44 PM

BT

“ I never saw Bro Terrell without a big smile. God's love showed in his eyes and with his smile. He loved everyone and you couldn't help but love him. My prayers are with his family.

Beverly Tresp - February 01, 2022 at 06:20 PM