



Elbert "Tex" Morton

November 18, 1922 - May 7, 2015

Elbert Wm. "Tex" Morton, 92, son of Elbert Fred and Mary (Marton) Morton, was born on November 18, 1922 in View, Texas. He passed away at the Missouri Veterans Home in St. James, MO on May 7, 2015. Tex met Jennielou Leonard in St. Louis, MO on a blind date, and they were married October 30, 1944 in Eastland County, Texas at the home of his parents. They celebrated their 70th anniversary in 2014. To this union two daughters were born, Beverly and Bobbie.

Tec Sgt. Morton served in the U.S. Army Air Corp from January 28, 1943 to September 8, 1945. He served as a radio operator and gunner with a B-17 crew of the 99th BG 39th squadron flying out of Foggia, Italy during World War II. During his military career, he was awarded seven Bronze Stars and an Air Medal.

After returning to civilian life, Tex learned the construction trade from his father-in-law Gilbert A. Leonard and Mr. Leonard's brothers. For much of his life, he worked as a salesman of construction materials. He enjoyed having a "Missouri farm", and was active in the Safe Saddle Club for many years. Always taking on new challenges, Tex became a real estate broker, and then after receiving his schooling and license as an auctioneer, he and Lou opened Rocking M Auction service. In his retired years, Tex and Lou traveled visiting all 50 of these United States Canada & Mexico.. He enjoyed trout fishing at

Meremac Springs Park, and reading western novels. He was a member of the Masons, Scottish Rite, Shriners, and V.F. W. organizations and a member of the Ozark Highlands Christian Church of Rolla, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lou's parents G.A. & Myrna (Plank) Leonard, his sister-in-law Ellamae Risner Bucher, brothers-in-law: Tommy King, Jimmy Yarbrough, Jim Risner, and Al Bucher.

Tex is survived by his wife, Jennielou of Houston, MO, and daughters Beverly and Terry Flowers of Houston, MO, and Bobbie and Bob Davis of St. James, his sister Mary Cloma Yarbrough of Clyde, TX. His grandchildren are: Brian Flowers and wife JoAnne of Columbia, MO, Brandt Flowers and wife Rachel of Ballwin, MO, Jenni Dollar and husband Scott of Nixa, MO, Erin McCurdy and husband Jeremy of St. James and Matt Davis and wife Melanie of Nixa, MO.. His grandchildren will fondly remember PaPa Tex and the lessons and stories he told them. Tex has five great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends will miss this good natured man who came from the big state of Texas and shared his big heart with all he met.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James

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Military Honors

MAY 9. 2:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Elbert "Tex" Morton*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Elbert "Tex" Morton*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *With a rub of his nose and he got us with his sweet HELLO that will forever echo in our hearts. Therapy dept.*



B. McCracken - May 10, 2015 at 08:19 AM



“ *David & Brenda Petty purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elbert "Tex" Morton.*



David & Brenda Petty - May 09, 2015 at 09:23 AM



“ *To Bev and the Morton family - I wanted all of you to know that I am thinking about you and my prayers are with each one of you. We lost some wonderful people this week. . May God bless and comfort all of you. Kathleen Case*

Kathleen Case - May 08, 2015 at 03:53 PM

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“ Jennielou, I am very sorry to hear of Tex's passing. The both of you have been life long friends of mine and wonderful folks to know. It has been a great honor and privilege to know you and the Leonard families through the many years. I am sorry that our paths have not crossed in a long time. I have ALS and am mostly confined to my home. My thoughts and prayers are with each one of you at this time.

Ken Fiebelman - May 08, 2015 at 10:25 AM