



Clarence "Tea" Merritt

April 2, 1940 - February 2, 2019

McDonough Chapel

On April 2, 1940 Clarence Merritt was born to the late Ethel Lee and Otis Merritt in Stockbridge, Georgia. He was the fifth of six children born to this union and was affectionately known by nicknames "TEA" and "GIANT". Clarence was called home to glory on February 2, 2019 with his family by his bed side.

At an early age he joined the Red Oak United Methodist Church in Stockbridge Georgia. "TEA" was united in holy matrimony on October 15, 1961 to the love of his life, Dorothy Ruth Mitchell for 57 years. In 1962, they were blessed with the birth of their one and only son, Jose Chacon Merritt. Clarence was a down to earth caring man and a wonderful husband and great father. Although trucking was "TEA" first love, ranching and raising his cattle were the next in line. Together Clarence and Dorothy accomplished great achievements. In 1990, they were blessed through hard work and dedication to purchase and managed their own 93 acre cattle ranch and they continued until he departed this life.

Clarence was employed with Colonial Freight Systems in Knoxville, Tennessee as an Independent Contractor. "TEA" loved trucking and was devoted to his job and his family. He received the prestigious award from

Colonial Freight for driving 3 million miles accident-free and later retired after 42 years of dedicated service. Only to pass the trucking torch on to his beloved son, Jose, to continue the family legacy.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving wife, Mrs. Dorothy Ruth Merritt; son, Mr. Jose Merritt (Sandra); brother, Mr. Early "Cigar" Merritt; 5 sisters-in-law, Ms. Betty Long, Ms. Martill Asberry, Mrs. Martha Jane Pittman (Homer), Mrs. Georgia Pittman (Harold), and Mrs. Chevy Milford (James); 3 brothers-in-law, Mr. Bobby Mitchell (May), Mr. Randolph Mitchell JR. (Mona) and Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Mitchell (Martha); nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - McDonough Chapel
300 Griffin Street
McDonough, GA 30253
(770) 957-4337
info@wdlemonfuneralhome.com

Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Red Oak United Methodist Church
3894 Walt Stephens Rd.
Stockbridge, GA 30281

Interment

FEB 9 (ET)

Rose Garden Cemetery
743 Iris Lake Rd.
McDonough, GA 30252

Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - March 15, 2019 at 08:51 AM

NG

“ My uncle the gentle GIANT, thanks for all you taught me. I will truly miss you. Rest now a job well done.
Norris & Ann Gresham



Norris Gresham - February 07, 2019 at 02:34 PM

GB

“ Garland & Misty Burt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Clarence "Tea" Merritt.



Garland & Misty Burt - February 07, 2019 at 10:49 AM

GB

“ Garland & Misty Burt lit a candle in memory of Clarence "Tea" Merritt



Garland & Misty Burt - February 07, 2019 at 10:32 AM

RB

“Cutting hay with tea he was such a hard worker!i will miss you tea,
Randy Bennett

Randy Bennett - February 06, 2019 at 12:43 PM

WK

“Walter Kinchen lit a candle in memory of
Clarence "Tea" Merritt



walter kinchen - February 05, 2019 at 03:16 AM