



Elmo Houston

January 9, 1926 - May 1, 2016

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Elmo Houston was born January 9, 1926 in Garfield, Texas to the late Gus and Elee Owens Houston. He was the fourth of thirteen children.

Elmo departed this life peacefully at the age of ninety years old on Sunday, May 1, 2016, at St. David's Hospital.

Elmo's family moved in 1933 to Webberville, Texas. He went to school in Webberville, Texas. His family were farmers. It was his responsibility to get up early, make several trips packing water to feed the cows and pigs, to chop wood, and work the fields. As a child, he also had to pick cotton.

Elmo accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Elmo joined the Navy at the age of 17 years old in 1943. He served in the Navy until 1945. He came home and went to school on his GI bill for awhile. Later, in 1948, he joined the Army.

Elmo married Mary Frances Clayborne on November 2, 1946. To this union one child was born, Nancy Carlette Houston.

Elmo worked for a produce company, Gugenheim Produce, Bob Phillips Service Station, Frostex Food Co., Lott Lumber Company and Butter Crust Bakery. He retired from the Austin Independent School District.

In Carlsbad, New Mexico, he worked for Gateway Buick Company. Elmo moved to West, Texas. He went to Midland, Texas and worked for Miles Hall

Buick Company.

Elmo married Estell McClain on April 17, 1953 in Snyder, Texas. To this union, three children were born: Averil Vondell, Veretta Estell and Alford Douglas Houston. In 1959, he moved back to Austin and reunited his membership with David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Elmo enjoyed fishing, dominoes, hunting wild games, cooking meat, fish fry and going out in his boat.

Elmo was preceded in death by his Father and Mother, wife, Estell; brothers: Tom, L. C., Eddie B. (1957), Melvin (2010), Raymond (2012), Owens (2014), and sisters: Gussie Mae, Ella and Gracie.

Elmo leaves behind his children: Nancy Houston Thompson (Donald); Billy Clemons (Barbara) of Houston, Texas; Gloria Ann Clemons of Sierra Vista, AZ; Averil Vondell Houston, Sr. (Cynthia), Veretta Houston Hennington, and Alford Douglas Houston.

Elmo had seventeen grandchildren, twenty three great-grandchildren and eight great-great- grandchildren.

Elmo's sisters: Artrell Gordon of Fresno, Texas; Dorothy Orebo of Carrollton, Texas; Bettye Houston, and his loving sister/caregiver, Doris Calloway of Austin, Texas. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and his dedicated friend, Harvey Carter.

Cemetery Details

Assumption Cemetery

3650 S. Interstate 35
Austin, TX 78704

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAY 8. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

King-Tears Mortuary, Inc.
1300 East 12th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Celebration Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
2211 E Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd
Austin, TX 78702

Tribute Wall



“ *Elmo Houston*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM