

GERALD CLEVELAND

1935-2013

PARADISE: Gerald Cleveland, 78, a retired school principal and minister, died Wednesday, November 20, 2013 in Bridgeport.

Gerald was born on March 13, 1935 to Omar and Zula (Crawford) Cleveland in Cottondale, Texas. He was united in marriage to Carolyn Kay Hollaway on March 29, 1959 in Baytown, Texas. Gerald graduated from Paradise High School in 1953. He received a bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian College and a master's degree from Sam Houston State. Gerald served as the second mayor of Paradise, principal at Santa Fe ISD, and a minister of the Cottondale Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Grover Cleveland.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Carolyn Cleveland of Paradise; his daughter, Patti Tax and husband Joe of Paradise; his son, Jerry Don Cleveland and wife, Lidia of Santa Fe, Texas; his daughter, Lori Kay Rhodes and husband, David of Grand Prairie; 8 grandchildren, James, Eric, Jacob, Miranda, Ashley, Victoria, Jonathan and Katie; her sister, Georgia Ruth Morris and husband, Roy Hulen of Paradise; his sister-in-law, Edith Cleveland of Paradise; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

Funeral was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 23, 2013 at Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Cottondale Cemetery. Bro. Danny Russell, Bro. Sam Starr and Bro. Robert Taylor officiated. Pallbearers included Jim Garrett, Paul Knight, Jay Foster, Todd Meadows, Davis Martin, Mark Neeley, Seth Foster, Coy Cleveland, and Melvin Meadows. Honorary pallbearers were Raymond Meadows, Marvin Crawford, and Ed Culverhouse.

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