



Rayford D McClellan

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Rayford McClellan, 97 of McKinney, Texas passed away peacefully on July 10 surrounded by family at his daughter's home. He had lived at Pioneer Ridge Senior Living for the past 7 years, where he enjoyed an active lifestyle.

He was born in Wolfe City, Texas on February 1, 1926 to Herbert and Jewell McClellan, and grew up in the South Sulphur community. In his young years, he experienced farm work, picking cotton, helping in his father's small country store, but mostly he played domino under the shade of a chinaberry tree, sitting for hours on wooden Coke crates. He attended school in Commerce, where he realized that public education would not serve his plans. He wanted to travel the world. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1944, serving as a medic throughout the South Pacific. After returning to the states, he met and married Velma McClellan in Camden, S.C. on June 3, 1951. Shortly after, He was relocated to Wethersfield, England. While there, he and Velma welcomed a daughter, Marlene. Two years later, the family of 3 moved to Texas on Bergstrom A.F.B. in Austin. After a remote assignment to Morocco, and a short assignment to Lincoln A.F.B., Nebraska, Rayford retired from the USAF after 20 years of service with numerous commendations and letters of appreciation from his commanding officers.

His love for life, family, and friends was unsurpassed. He loved people and people loved him for his witty personality, friendliness, generosity, and ability to make everyone laugh.

He is survived by his daughter, Marlene Clark, son-in-law, Jim, two grandchildren, Jordan, his wife Lauren, and Anna, and one great-grandson, Will. Also, he is survived by one sister, Ruth Ferris, two nephews and one niece.

A celebration of life service will be held at Restland Funeral Home, in the Wildwood Chapel on Monday, July 24, at 2:00.



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In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Samaritan's Purse or other preferred charity.



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Memorial Service

 **Monday**, July 24, 2023

 2:00 PM CT

 **Restland Wildwood Chapel**
13005 Greenville Ave, Dallas TX 75243

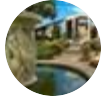




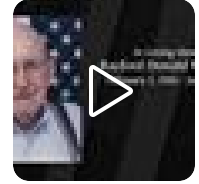
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Restland Funeral Home And Cemetery shared a **Video**.



July 24 at 1:04 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the McClellan family.



July 21 at 12:30 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Rayford.



July 21 at 12:30 PM



Sharon Fulmer posted:

It was always a treat for us to have Uncle Mac around. We were mostly a very quiet bunch and he was the exact opposite. We were entranced by his stories & his wit. I can hear him laughing now & it was contagious. He treated our aunt Velma (Tassie to us) like a queen & took good care of her when she couldn't take care of herself. We have missed seeing him in the recent past but happy he lived such a long & apparently contented life. We will always think fondly of you Uncle Mac. Writing for all of his nieces & nephews in Camden, SC

July 19 at 9:10 AM



Marlene Clark July 25 at 3:33 PM

And a special family you all were to him. He loved his Camden visits.



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July 19 at 8:42 AM



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John M. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Rayford.

July 18 at 3:35 PM

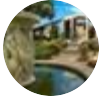




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