



Raymond Meleton,

February 17, 1923 - March 7, 2011

Raymond Ignace (Noddy) Meleton, 88, of Crowley, Tx., entered eternal life on Monday, March 7, 2011, at the Texas Health Heart & Vascular Hospital in Arlington, Tx., due to complications associated with congestive heart failure. Born on February 17, 1923, in Shreveport, La., to parents Francis Joseph Meleton and Gertrude Grace Jacobs, Raymond attended St. John's High School, now Loyola College Prep, and was graduated from Byrd High School in 1940. Following high school, he attended Louisiana Tech and Centenary College where he studied petroleum engineering mechanical drawing, and mathematics. A petroleum production engineer, he was employed by several companies including Arkansas Fuel Oil in Shreveport, CAMCO, Harold Brown Co. and Baker Oil Tools, Inc. in Houston, WHC Lease Service, Inc. in Lafayette, La., and United Specialties in Rosenberg, Tx. Following retirement from the oil and gas industry, Raymond worked as an independent locksmith and with his wife as resident managers of hotels. He married Virginia Leod Cook on December 2, 1944 at St. John Berchman Catholic Church in Shreveport, La. Together they had six children, Raymond I. Meleton, Jr., Virginia (Ginger) S. Cole, David C. Meleton (deceased), Anna (Nan) M. Sayers, Mary T. Krieg, and Marguerite (Rita) M. Case.

An Eagle Scout, Raymond is remembered for living the qualities of the Boy Scout law. He valued duty to God and country, duty to others, and duty to self. Raymond was known for being mechanically inclined and paying meticulous

attention to detail. He took great pleasure in building flyable airplanes with his brother, tinkering with engines and working on vehicles as a "shade tree" mechanic, serving his country in the Naval Reserves, performing in local theatre productions, creating intricate, finely wrought designs, discovering alternative methods to repair items, and serving his Lord as a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. A former Grand Knight of Council 803 in Houston, Raymond, a devout Catholic, was a member of numerous councils throughout Louisiana and Texas including Lafayette's 3470, Sugar Land's 4204, Richmond's 7445, and Fort Worth's 2813. He served the Church as an altar boy, lector, usher, money counter, and CCE teacher. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, 5 months, and 25 days (as he would say); son, David; sister, Beatrice Haglund, and brothers Frank, Pierce, and Clinton Meleton. He is survived by his children Ray, Jr. of Richmond, Tx., Ginger (husband Joseph) of Waxahachie, Tx., Nan (husband DeLea) of Arlington, Tx., Mary (husband Jeffrey) of Grand Prairie, Tx., and Rita of Rosenberg, Tx., along with 24 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, sisters Marie Sartori (William) of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Barbara Kirchner of Circle, Montana. Vigil service is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Francis Village Catholic Chapel in Crowley, Texas. A funeral Mass will take place on Friday, March 11, at 11 a.m. also at St. Francis Village Catholic Chapel, and the committal service will take place on Saturday, March 12, at 11 a.m. at the Forest Park Cemetery in Shreveport, La.

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ I miss you Dad and your guidance. You were always the anchor and set the example in the family. I hope I can be successful someday in emulating your ways and in following your example. You are the best.



Ray Meleton, Jr. - December 11, 2023 at 09:58 AM

CM

“ Love forever

Catherine Muldowney - March 15, 2011 at 06:53 PM

MK

“ Daddy was very devoted to his family. He often asked whether we'd heard from one family member or another and how they were doing. In spite of his limited financial means, he often gave what he could to help family members in need. He had a silly sense of humor and could easily get us smiling at his sweet and gentle ways. While I miss him very much, I rejoice with him as he is now back with my mother whom he has missed very much these past 6+ years. He always trusted in God's words of love and mercy as he looked forward to his eternal reward. May the grace of his childlike faith be with us always.

Mary Meleton Krieg - March 14, 2011 at 03:54 PM

BA

“ Thanks for always sneaking cookies to us when Honeymom wanted us to eat heathly stuff. :)

Becca Anthony - March 13, 2011 at 10:48 PM

BE

“ Congratulations on entering your eternal rest and reward on my 75th birthday, Noddy. I celebrate with you!

You are a special man for all who encountered you in this life. I remember fondly my visits with you and Virginia in your home in Shreveport when I was a teen-aged girl.

With love and appreciation for your Christian witness I light this candle.

Bettye Sue

Bettye Sue Lantrip Elledge - March 13, 2011 at 07:02 PM

GC

“ I loved all the stories and memories he shared with us when we visited. He always used such interesting sayings like "plum nearly". These sayings required an explanation, which ended up being an interesting extension of the story he was telling. If I remember correctly the saying above meant "plum out of the country and nearly in the city". I love how he made me feel special to him; I also know he made everyone feel that way!

Grace Colwell - March 13, 2011 at 05:05 PM

NS

“ I love you and I miss you Daddy, but I am so happy for you. Give Momma a hug for me. Love you bunches, Nan

Nan Sayers - March 13, 2011 at 03:26 PM

BR

“ Are there skin races in heaven? I love you and miss you bunches, PawPaw!!

Brennan - March 12, 2011 at 12:39 AM



“ *I love you Daddy.* ”

Rita - March 12, 2011 at 12:35 AM