



Clarence Bradford Yates

August 19, 1933 - May 9, 2021

He was born Clarence Bradford Yates on February 19, 1933 to Leonard Thomas and Queen Tinnie (Haynes) Yates in Mt. Calm, Texas. Clarence married Martha Lena (Anders) Yates on September 15, 1957. Clarence graduated from Baylor University and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He went on to pastor many churches in the Waco and Gulf Coast areas of Texas. He retired from the Texas State Department of Human Services and continued to do interim pastoral work and teach Sunday School classes.

Rev. Yates was a member of the Rosenberg Masonic Lodge #881. He also spent many hours as a volunteer at OakBend Medical Center in Richmond, Texas.

Clarence loved reading, vintage cars and sharing a cup of coffee and a story with friends. What he loved most was spending time with his family, including his two grandsons who he often took to and from school each day.

Rev. Yates was preceded in death by his beautiful wife of 57 years, Martha L. Yates, his parents, 1 brother and 5 sisters. Survivors include two daughters: Marcia L Holmes and husband David and Marilyn A. Larsen and husband Curtis; Grandchildren to whom he was known as "Grandpa": Hunter Yates Holmes and wife Madison, Paul David Holmes, Michelle Johnson and husband Scott and Melodie Gale and husband Nicholas, Great Grandchildren Ash and Freyja Johnson and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. A private graveside service will be held in Dallas.