



Clen H. Reavis

May 19, 1920 - July 30, 2014

Mr. Clen H. Reavis, age 94, of Hornbeak was born May 19, 1920, in Memphis, Tennessee, the son of the late Clen H. Reavis, Sr. and Elva Hooper Reavis. He attended Messick elementary and high school and grew up in the Bunton area of Memphis. He married the former Dorothy Allen of Kenton on March 23, 1940 in Hernando, MS. He was employed by Memphis Street and Railway as a machinist prior to WW II. He enlisted in the US Army in 1943 and completed US Army Air Force Basic Pilot training in 1945. Mr. Reavis was commissioned a 1st Lt, was and Army Air Force pilot and aircraft maintenance officer. He was honorably discharged after WW II and returned to Memphis to live and work again at Memphis Street and Railway. In 1948 he and his wife moved to Hornbeak to become co-owners/operators of Hornbeak Feed Store, with his brother-in-law, Frank Short for over 30 years. Mr. Reavis was very active in the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society and a member of the Hornbeak Woodmen of the World camp 196 for over 50 years. During this time he served as camp president, Tennessee State President, member of the National Board of Directors, Trustee and later appointed as National Treasurer which required their move to Omaha, Nebraska. As National Treasurer he was instrumental in implementing the annuity/IRA line of products for Woodmen of the World. He retired from Woodmen in 1985, at the age of 65, and returned to Hornbeak. An avid golfer for over 40 years, he was a king tune member of Poplar Meadows Country Club. He was a charter member of the WWII D-Day Museum in New Orleans and a longtime member of the Hornbeak United

Methodist Church. Mr. Reavis lived a long, happy, productive and fulfilled life. He loved his God, his family and friends. He was truly one of the greatest generation and has left this world a better place than he found it. He is survived by his son Bob Reavis and wife Letha Smith Reavis of Hornbeak, two grandchildren Reena Reavis Shelton and her husband Chris Shelton, a grandson Robert Clen Reavis, and a great granddaughter Gia Ann Marie Shelton all of Union City and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy Allen Reavis in 1994 and a sister Virginia Reavis Shaler. Rev. Jimmy Calhoun will officiate at the 1:00 PM service on Thursday, July 31 at the Hornbeak United Methodist Church. Pallbearers will be Harold Burton, Charles Harris, Jim Kendall, Steve Sedberry, Tim Blackley and David Jerden. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Hornbeak WOW Camp 196.

Cemetery Details

Antioch Cemetery

Antioch Church Rd.
Hornbeak, TN 38232

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Hornbeak United Methodist Church
Glass Rd.
Hornbeak, TN 38232

Service

JUL 31. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Layne Hall lit a candle in memory of Clen H. Reavis*



Layne Hall - July 31, 2014 at 05:56 AM

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Bob from your cousin in memphis Steve Allen Clen was tremendous Uncle to us he loved us and your Mom and Dad were good friends to mine parents I always enjoyed going to visit Hornbeak to visit my dads family I know that your mother has already welcomed him again,love to all steve

Carl Steve Allen - July 31, 2014 at 08:12 PM

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Bob, I just saw that you dad passed away. He was a wonderful man and I admired him very much. My prayers are with you.

Ann Alexander - September 04, 2014 at 08:56 AM