



Jesse Lee Canafax

April 27, 1924 - February 25, 2017

' Rev. Dr. J.L. (Jesse L.) Canafax, 92, of Catoosa, Oklahoma, passed away on Friday, February 25, 2017. He was born the only son to William Franklin and Mary Ann Davis Canafax, April 27, 1924, in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Jesse was reared and educated in Ardmore and was a graduate of Ardmore High School. He was a veteran of the armed forces having served his country honorably with the United States Navy during World War II. He continued his education at Murray State College in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, where he earned an Associate Degree in science. He then attended East Central State College in Ada, Oklahoma, earning a Bachelor of Science degree. Jesse was married September 4, 1947, in Gainsville, Texas, to Joyce Setzer. Jesse received his calling to the ministry and attended Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. He graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, with a Bachelor of Ministry degree. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona. Jesse served as pastor of five Southern Baptist Churches in Oklahoma and Arizona. He also served on the staff of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention in Phoenix for 16 years. He retired from the staff of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas, Texas, after serving for four years. Jesse was an avid reader and student of the Bible. He was an avid fan of the Oklahoma Sooners and Dallas Cowboys. He enjoyed a variety of pastimes including gardening and loved his pets. He was a devoted family man and died peacefully at his home with his family by his side. He will be

greatly missed by all who knew him. Loving family members include: His wife of over 69 years; Joyce Son; Edwin L. Canafax Daughter; Janis Canafax Buck Foster grandson; CPO, Kiel Albarran, U.S. Navy, and wife Naomi

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Committal service and entombment will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 2, 2017, at the Griffin-Hillcrest Memorial Park Mausoleum in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso. www.moweryfs.com

Tribute Wall

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“*'Dear Mrs. Canafax and Family,\r\n\r\nWe just heard about the homegoing of Pastor Jess and wanted to share our condolences. I was saved in 1962 when my parents, Rex and Sally, and grandparents, John and Orene, were all members at FBC Glendale. Pastor Jess counseled me as a child and baptized me so he will always be special in my memory. My husband and I just retired from 31 years with the IMB serving in Asia. Our son is a NAMB missionary serving internationals here in Nashville. So, I thought you would like to know from us that Pastor Jess's godly influence lives on making a difference in the Kingdom. God bless you in your time of grief while celebrating a life well-lived that honored our Lord. Blessings, Judy Ozment Harvey'*

Judy Ozment Harvey - March 19, 2017 at 02:11 PM

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“*'Jan, our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family with your loss. '*

Mark Roberts - March 07, 2017 at 01:45 PM

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“*'My heart hurts for all of you in Your Great loss of your Momma's Sweetheart, and You & Ed's Dad... only Jesus.....Love in prayers'*

Ora Lea Stanley - March 05, 2017 at 08:03 PM