

Clarence Marion McClelland July 31, 1921 - March 19, 2006



Clarence Marion McClelland was born July 31, 1921 in Quinter Kansas to Thomas Earl and Martha McClelland. Clarence was the third of seven children, who lived as a family in Western Kansas through most of their formative years. Clarence served in the US Navy from October 13, 1941 until September 30th, 1945 during which time he married Phyllis Jeanne Vickers from Hoxie Kansas. Clarence and Phyllis lived in several communities in Western Kansas before purchasing a general retail store in Studley, Kansas where he was the Postmaster. Clarence and Phyllis were the parents of one daughter and four sons who grew up in Studley. Their oldest son Michael died at birth; their living children are Barbara King of Mt. Airy, Georgia, Roger of Grand Junction, Colorado, Glenn of Grand

Junction, Charles of Wamego, Kansas, and Jeffrey of Grand Junction, Colorado, seven grand children and many nieces and nephews. Clarence and Phyllis moved to Longview, Texas in 1974 where Clarence served as the Office Manager of Missionary Tech Team for 17 years. They moved to Grand Junction in 1991 where he worked with RSVP as a volunteer, and actively worked with the Gideon organization for many years. Clarence served as a deacon and leader in a number of churches in the various communities over the years, including the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Kansas, the Grace Brethren Church in Longview Texas, the Grand Mesa Baptist Church and recently a member of the Calvary Bible Church. He never missed an opportunity to extend an act of kindness to those in need whether a stranger, a neighbor or a family member. Clarence has three living brothers, Art of Fresno California, Tom of Hoxie, Kansas, and O.H. ("Mac") of Vista, California. He has two living sisters, Betty Brewster of Hoxie, Kansas and Sally Pomeroy of Canon City, Colorado. He is preceded in death by his son, Michael, and his sister Dora Irwin. Clarence was noted for his selfless service to others. He was devoted to God, his wife, his family, his church and his country. His gentle spirit, patience and strength were an inspiration to all who knew him. Clarence died in quiet peace on March 19, 2006 in his home in the presence of his family after a lengthy illness. Clarence sang for a time with the **Bookcliff Barbershop Harmony Chorus**, where his son, Roger is an active member. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and many who knew him. A visitation was held on Wednesday March 22nd from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Snell McLean Funeral Home in Palisade. Services were held at the Calvary Bible Church at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2006. The family requests that donations be made to his memory to the Gideon's or Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado in lieu of flowers. Addresses: Gideons POBox 446 Clifton, CO 81520, Hospice 2754 Compass Drive, Ste 377 Grand Junction, CO 81506, Mrs. Phyllis McClelland 621 Cris Mar, Grand Junction, CO 81506.