

## Obituary

### Harold E. Tracy (1926 - 2011) | [Visit Guest Book](#)



Harold Tracy

Harold E. "Gene" Tracy, 84 of Marine, Ill., born Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1926, in Albany, Texas, died Thursday, March 10, 2011, at San Benito, Texas.

Gene grew up around Healtton, Okla., and graduated from Dundee High School in Oklahoma. While in school, at age 16, he drove a school bus. After graduation he entered the service and served with the US Army and US Army Air Corp. After his discharge, he returned to Marine and started Tracy Trucking Company in August of 1947. He had also operated school buses as Marine Transportation Company. H & R Oil Properties was started in the late 1950's. With facilities in Marine, Mt. Auburn, Centralia, Robinson/Oblong and Casey - his company hauls crude oil, water and does oil field construction. At age 84, he was still active in the operation of his businesses. He and his wife had traveled all 50 states, to Greece, Mexico, Canada, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, Holland, Switzerland, and Ireland. They traveled extensively in their motor home. For more than 20 years, Mr. Tracy has wintered in Florida and Texas. He was a former horse owner, enjoyed playing dominos and pitching horseshoes. He enjoyed his grandchildren.

He was a member of United Church of Christ of Marine; Marine Lodge 355, AF & AM, a 60 year member and former secretary; Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Southern Illinois - Belleville, Ill., a past membership chairman, York Rite Bodies - Granite City, Ill.; Ainad Temple, AAONOMS (Shriners) - a life member, 50 year member, past potentate - 1991); 33 degree Mason; Silver Lake Shrine Club; Ma-Cli-Bo Circus Unite; Mecca Club; directors staff of Ainad Temple; Clay County Shrine Club; Southern Illinois Court 86, Royal Order of Jesters, a past director in 1987; American Legion Becker-Reding Post 702 - Marine, Ill., 60 year member and life member; Veteran of Foreign Wars; Marine Lions Club; Elks Lodge-Fairview Heights, Ill.; Royal Order of the Moose; Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels; Sons of the American Revolution; Great Lake Shrine Association, a past president in 1994; Children's Dyslexia Center of Southern Illinois, which is a Scottish Rite Charity, was on the Board of Directors, Illinois Oil & Gas Association, a past president; Petroleum Club of Olney, Ill.; and mayor of Marine, Ill., having served for eight years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby Ellen, nee Werder, Tracy, whom he married Saturday, June 29, 1946, and who died Sept. 25, 2002; parents, Pearl Otis "PO" and Julia Mae, nee Hall, Tracy; sister, Norma Applebee; and brother, William Dean Tracy.

Surviving are his sons, Michael D. (Stephanie) Tracy of Marine, Ill., Steven A. (Susan) Tracy of Auburn, Ill., Barry E. (Deborah) Tracy of Marine, Ill., and Danny J. (MaryBeth) Tracy of Marine, Ill.; daughter, Barbara L. (Jim) Goodall of Marine, Ill.; grandchildren, Laura M. (Kip) Gilomen, Edwardsville, Ill., Linda K. (husband, Tom Hockett) Tracy, of St. Louis, Mo., Benjamin S. (Michelle) Tracy of Blue Mound, Ill., Kelly A. Tracy of Marine, Ill., Jennifer L. (Dustin) Cruitt of Taylorville, Ill., Travis W. (fiancee, Lindsey Hunt) Tracy of Marine, Ill., Christa L. (fiance, Scott Wessel) Goodall of Marine, Ill., Bailey N. Tracy of Marine, Ill., Hallie A. Tracy of Marine, Ill., Murphy L. Tracy of Marine, Ill., and twins, Reiley Tracy and Samuel Tracy, both of Marine, Ill.; great grandchild, Kara M. Gilomen of Edwardsville, Ill.; special friend, Niala Keilbach of Highland, Ill.; sister, Viola (Ray) Wilson, Alton, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to United Church of Christ of Marine or Shriners Hospital for Children. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family by visiting [www.spengel-boulanger.com](http://www.spengel-boulanger.com).

Visitation: Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Ill., and from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at Marine United Church of Christ in Marine, Ill.

Funeral: Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at Marine United Church of Christ in Marine, Ill., with the Rev. Philip H. Kershner, Pastor, Marine, Ill., officiating. Interment will be at Marine Cemetery in Marine, Ill.

SPENDEL-BOULANGER FUNERAL HOME, Highland, Ill.

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