



## Merrill F. Tooley, Sr.

June 20, 1926 - March 7, 2020

FORT WORTH - Merrill F. Tooley, 93, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 7, 2020.

Merrill was born in Bennington, New York, on June 20, 1926 to Charles Tooley and Catherine Bahn Tooley. He spent much of his youth helping tend the family farm in Attica, New York with his four brothers and sisters and large extended family. At 20 years old, he proudly joined the U.S. Air Force and went on to have a successful 27-year career, which took him to places all over the United States, Japan, and Puerto Rico. Retiring from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant in 1974, he continued working at Lockheed Martin in Lompoc, California. He later moved to and spent many happy years in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Twenty years ago, Merrill decided to move to Fort Worth, Texas, where he was introduced to the community of Jehovah's Witnesses by his dear, long-time friend, Shirley Valentino. He spent many treasured years growing in his faith and devoting much of his time to service and gardening for his Kingdom Hall. He proudly and defiantly preserved his sense of independence, always staying active and continuing to drive and live on his own until the age of 92.

Merrill was preceded in death by his wives, Jerre and Gladys.

Survivors: Three of his five sons, two stepdaughters, his stepson, and numerous grandchildren; and a large extended family, as well as his many brothers and sisters in his God Jehovah.

He was a loving father, grandfather, friend and respected member of his community who will be greatly missed by many.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, please donate to <https://apps.jw.org/ui/E/donate-home.html#/donate> <<https://apps.jw.org/ui/E/donate-home.html>>



# Events

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**MAR Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM**

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GREENWOOD CHAPEL - Greenwood Funeral Homes and Cremation, Cemetery,  
Mausoleum, Florist

3100 White Settlement Road, Fort Worth, TX, US, 76107

**MAR Memorial 01:30PM**

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Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witnesses/FHNI

2127 Skyline Dr., Fort Worth, TX, US, 76114

# Comments

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“ We would like to extend our condolences to the family. In just a little while all of the pain and sorrow that we feel from the death of our love one will cease and be replaced with joy, because the former things have passed away. With caring thoughts.

**Evans family** - March 12 at 05:12 AM