

Remember Them Forever

Name: Dr. Carlos Monroe Leach

Birth: 11 May 1922
Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas (at his family home)

Death: 28 April 2017
Cooke County, Texas

Cemetery: Fairview Cemetery
Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas

GPS of grave: 33.6300775, -97.1269154

Family:

Father: Felix Homer Leach, Sr.
Mother: Dielieu Louise Leach
Spouse: Wilma Lavoy *Chapman* Leach at First Baptist Church in Gainesville August 20, 1943
Children: Carlos, Tim, Doug, and Sam Leach

Military:

"He received his Naval Air Corps wings upon completion of training at Pensacola, Florida. At the onset of World War II, the Marine Corps took the top graduates for the Pacific theater. Dr. Leach was chosen and shipped out with the Marine Air Corps VMB 433 Squadron to Emirau Island off the coast of New Guinea. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Gold Star after completing 55 low altitude bombing missions in a Mitchell B-25".

Career: Occupation and any other brief personal or family comments.

"Leach graduated from Gainesville High School in 1940 and Gainesville Junior College in 1942. As a teenager, he worked as a substitute rural mail carrier. After the war, Dr. Leach attended North Texas State for one year and was then among the 50 of 500 applicants accepted to the class of 1950 University of Texas Dental School. Dr. Leach opened his dental office in Gainesville upon graduation where he practiced for 33 years. There were only 4 other dentists in Cooke County at the time he opened his clinic. Dr. Leach was a charter member, treasurer, and deacon of Temple Baptist Church. He was the president of 4th District Dental Society and Life Member of Texas Dental Association. He was a member of Gainesville Masonic Lodge 210 and Moslah Shrine and held memberships at North Lake and Lake Kiowa. He enjoyed cooking BBQ and working with tile."

Sources: FamilySearch ID G2NP-D34, Find a Grave, BillionGraves, Marine Corps Muster Roll

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