



Cater Aplin

November 10, 1925 - September 7, 2007

Services for Cater F. Aplin Jr., will be held Sunday, September 9, 2007, at 2 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Harrisonburg with Rev. Thomy Green and Dr. Ralph Webber officiating. Burial will follow in the Harrisonburg Cemetery under the direction of Young's Funeral Home, Jonesville.

Cater F. Aplin Jr., 81 died, Friday, September 07, 2007, following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Aplin, was a lifetime resident of Harrisonburg, where he also served as Mayor for 34 years, and was a devoted educator and public servant.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-four years, Lillian Sutton Aplin, and his two sons, James J. Aplin of Harrisonburg, and John F. Aplin of West Monroe. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Carol Aplin Finnegan of Vidalia, Louisiana, and his parents Mr. & Mrs. Cater F. Aplin Sr. of Harrisonburg.

Other survivors include his six grandchildren, J. Jason Aplin of Harrisonburg, Staci Aplin of Monroe, Josie Aplin of Harrisonburg, Damon Becnel of Destin, Florida, Tara Becnel of Vidalia, Sara Becnel of Destin, Florida and five great grandchildren.

He was a World War II Veteran serving as submariner in the U.S. Navy from

1943 to 1945 aboard the U.S.S. Bowfin (Avenger Class Submarine), making the 6, 7, 8, and 9th war patrol in the Sea of Japan. He was a member of the famous Mighty Mine Dodgers.

Throughout Cater's naval career, he received numerous awards. including the Asiatic Pacific (2 stars), American Theatre Combat (3 stars), and the Presidential Citation. Cater served as commander of Post 0223 of the American Legion and life long member of the Silent Service.

Upon his return from his naval duties, Cater, attended Louisiana State University.

He received a Bachelor's Of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and a Masters Degree in Secondary Education.

Cater taught math as well as other subjects, served as Supervisor of Schools, and Assistant Superintendent of Education until his retirement in 1982.

Cater also worked for Concordia Electric Co-op as an Electrical Engineer designing power lines throughout their service area.

Following Cater's retirement, he continued his call to community service and followed it by establishing the Northwestern University of Louisiana, Catahoula Parish. He also served as President of the Kastachie Delta Regional Planning District and Macon Ridge Economic Development Cooperation.

Visitation will be from 6 - 9 p.m. Saturday, September 08, 2007 at First Baptist Church in Harrisonburg.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ We were saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Cater. I have always thought of Mr. and Mrs. Aplin as the ideal "Southern" couple. Mr. Aplin contributed much to not only Catahoula Parish, as an educator and public servant, but to Louisiana and America in his military career. Our prayer will be with this family during this difficult time and in the months to come.

Jackie and Raymond Rouse - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Lillian, John and James, we were so sorry to learn of Cater's death. He will be missed by all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time.

Claude, Faye, Ikie and Raye Henderson and DeWayne Beauchamp - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time. He was a fine man and loved by all.

David and Candy Ford

Candy Daggett Ford - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Mr Lillian,
So sorry to hear of Mr Caters passing away. God will keep you and give you comfort. We are praying for you and your family.
Ronnie and Jinger(fuqua) Morrison

Jinger Fuqua Morrison - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

JH

“Mrs. Lillian, we are so sorry to hear about Cater. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time.

Jimmy and I enjoyed being with both of you so much at Joy's and Basil's parties. We had a lot of fun on the boat ride also.

We will keep you in our prayers.

Jimmy & Mary Ann Hawkins - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

MB

“May the Memory of your loved one comfort you and the sympathy of friends sustain you. Thinking of you all at this difficult time. We love you dearly.

Mike Brown and the D.E. Brown, Jr. Family

Mike Brown - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM