



CLAIBORNE MICHAEL R. Michael R. Claiborne, born in Waco, Texas April 19, 1943 passed away Friday, March 7, 2008. His father, Ray S. Claiborne (deceased) and mother, Maurene Claiborne moved to Dallas in 1951 with Michael. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson H.S. in 1961 and graduated the University of North Texas with a B.B.A. in Finance/Economics. Prior to his graduation from UNT, Michael served in the U.S. Army 1966-1968 and saw combat duty as a "pointman" and fire teamleader during the Vietnam conflict in '67-'68 and during the infamous "Tet Offensive". Michael was awarded The Silver Star for his actions in combat in 1968. In 1971 Michael pursued his chosen profession, the investments industry, becoming a securities trader specializing in OTC stocks. He enjoyed a successful career for over 35 years in the industry. In 2006 he joined The March Group, a mergers and acquisitions firm, as Business Development Manager. Michael is survived by his wife, Paula Claiborne; his beloved children, Casey Leigh Claiborne and Preston M. Claiborne; his mother, Mrs. Maurene Claiborne; his aunt, Ms. Opal Thedford; several cousins, Koehler, Gary and Sherwood Powell, Linda Powell Mock, Mrs. Nancy Biggs Whitted, Keith Claiborne, Marsha Thedford, Roger Thedford and Mrs. Joyce Sanders. Michael would like to acknowledge his sincere belief in Jesus Christ and a glorified life beyond the grave, free of pain; Michael wanted to say that he was not afraid to face tomorrow... "Because He Lives." His family will receive friends at Sparkman/Hillcrest on Tuesday evening, March 11, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Funeral services are 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 in Sparkman/Hillcrest Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, and for those who desire to do so, the Claiborne family requests that donations be made in Michael's name to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Amarillo, Texas. Dignity Memorial Sparkman Hillcrest 7405 W. Northwest Hwy. Dallas (214) 363-5401

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