



Alton Keefer Farris

November 26, 1931 - June 5, 2006

Alton Keefer Farris Alton Keefer Farris went home to be with the Lord June 1, 2006. He was born November 26, 1931 at North Zulch, Texas to Alton Boone Farris and Erma Keefer Farris. He was married to Naomi Voyles Farris for 54 years wonderful years. He was predeceased by parents, Alton and Erma Farris and by in-laws Eli, Floy Voyles, and Martha Rae Logan. He is survived by wife, Naomi: two children, Ruth Farris Phillips of Conroe, Texas and Alton Keefer Farris, Jr. and wife Janie Hartnett Farris, of Huntsville, Texas; grandchildren, Jill Moreno and husband William of Tomball, Texas, Andrew Phillips and wife, Carol of Kenner, Louisiana, Kay Peterson and husband, Travis of The Woodlands, Texas, Sara Beth Farris of Huntsville, Texas, and Katelyn Rae Farris , also of Huntsville, Texas; one great-grandchild, Landon Phillips of Kenner, Louisiana; siblings Maggie Parker and husband George of Houston, Texas, Truett Farris and wife Sara of Van Vleck, Texas, Maxia Farris and wife Rochelle of Huntsville, Texas, Anna Jean Kupke and husband Luther of Idabel, Oklahoma, Dick Logan and wife Gloria of Idabel, Oklahoma, Sue Warren and husband Wayne of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, and Joe Voyles and wife Dianne of Idabel, Oklahoma; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was a man known to keep his word and to get the job done. He loved being outdoors and was an expert forester, gardener, fisherman, and educator. He was a loving husband and father, a man of integrity, a deacon in his church, and a helpful neighbor. He modeled hard work every day of life, but he knew the value of having a good time and especially enjoyed telling a joke. He was

always willing to give family and friends the benefit of his sage advice or help of any kind. His home was open for a visit, a meal, or a game of forty-two; he loved to share his faith in Christ and tell of the blessings in his life; he did not mind lending a hand, his tools, or his expertise. He was a graduate of Huntsville High School and Sam Houston State Teachers College where he earned a degree in education. Mr. Farris served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War. He held a variety of jobs, including working at Dow Chemical Company, teacher and principal at Pine Prairie and Huntsville school districts and for the Job Corps, caseworker for the Welfare Department, self - employed, and he completed his working career as a Recreational Consultant for Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He was a member and deacon at Chaplewood Missionary Baptist Church and he supported the Shriners organization. His family is particularly grateful to the kind staff of Thee Hospice for their exceptional care and support. Services will be held Monday June 5, 2006 at 2 PM in the Chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Farris Cemetery in West Sandy Community. Mr. Farris will lie in state from noon until 8 PM Sunday June 4, 2006 and the family will receive friends from 5 to 7 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of the usual remembrances, please consider Thee Hospice – P.O. Box 6548 – Huntsville, Texas. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Alton Keefer Farris*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear of your loss. We have been praying for your family.*

Bob, Mellicent, Bobby II, Heather, Heath & Justin Wiley - June 07, 2006 at 08:27 PM



“ *Alton, Janie, girls I am so sorry for your loss. Im sorry i found out late but my thoughts were with you all. He's in good hands now and no more suffering. Keep your eyes to the Lord and he will give you the strength you need through this time. I love you guys...Mark*

Mark Page - June 05, 2006 at 03:15 PM

CR

“ Alton, Janie, Katelynn and Sara Beth,
I am so sorry for your loss. I wanted you to know how much I always enjoyed knowing Keefer - he was my 7th grade science teacher, did you know that? We had class in the old elementary school that had burned. We still had classes in it, even though nowadays it would have been declared unsafe. We surely did give him grief in that class. Well, the boys did. I didn't. But I remember him as a good man, who treated us well. He also lived right next door to my cousin, James Cauthen. Whenever we went over there for a family thing, I always saw him and we would visit. I have only happy, good memories of him. I am sure you do, too. I know God will sustain you through this time of sadness, but just think how happy Keefer is today! God bless you all.

Cindy Rohe

Cindy Rohe - June 05, 2006 at 09:53 AM

JF

“ Time stands still for no one,
But we can see it through life's experiences.

Keep faith as a comfort and prayer as a guide,
Strength will be there deep down inside.

Inspiration comes through family and good friends,
The memories will live in our hearts, never to end.

We know that both were very giving and caring people always willing to help others get a start in life and our family would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family in there time of need.

JB Merchant & Family - June 05, 2006 at 09:34 AM

MP

“ Dear Naomi,
I want you to know how sorry I am to learn of your loss of Keefer, but I believe he is in heaven and has no more pain. I pray you and your family will find comfort in the love he left for you and in the love and care of family and friends. You have always been a good friend to me and I am grateful to have you as my friend. My heart goes out to you and your family. You are in my prayers. Mildred Campbell Pitts.

Mildred Campbell Pitts - June 03, 2006 at 09:48 AM

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“ To Naomi and all families,I wanted to send my condolences to all of you .I wish I could be there with you in your time of sorrow. Uncle Keefer was always good to me and special in our hearts. Because I know we are part of God's family ,like Uncle Keefer,we too will see him again and embrace our Heavenly Father. May God Bless and Keep you all. I carry you all in my heart and prayers. With much love, Teresa(Wiseman)Higginbotham

Teresa (Wiseman)Higginbotham - June 03, 2006 at 08:53 AM

RB

“ I wanted to let you know how sorry I am for your loss. Knowing you are believers gives you the comfort of knowing you will be with your loved one again. I know your family will support one another during this time and I know you have many friends and loved ones who will be there for you. May God comfort your hearts, now and in the days ahead. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Rae Ann Blount - June 02, 2006 at 09:47 PM

JR

“ Dear Naomi,
May the Holy Spirit comfort you and your family at this time. You were a wonderful wife to Keefer and have taken good care of him during his illness. I pray that you and your family will be comforted in knowing others care.
Naomi, you are a special person to me and I hold you in my heart at this time. May you know that you are loved by many. God Bless you all.
John and Mally Randolph-3503 E. Washington-Idabel,
Ok. 74745

John and Mally Randolph - June 02, 2006 at 06:06 PM

CW

“ Alton, Janie and Kids,
We're so sorry for the loss of Alton's dad. I know it has been a long road up to this point and will continue to be as you grieve.
Remember that God is your comforter. Look to Him for strength and understanding. I know you will. We love you all very much and your family is very special to us. We'll be praying for you during this time.
Love,
Clay, Elisa, Kyler and Maryn

Clay and Elisa West - June 02, 2006 at 10:38 AM

JH

“ Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. You also know that if you need anything or we can help you do anything, just let us know. We will be there for you. We love you guys!
Jim, Kathy & Josh

Jim & Kathy Hall - June 02, 2006 at 08:51 AM