



Chester Payton "Bud" Irby, Jr.

December 16, 1934 - April 19, 2011

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Chester Payton "Bud" Irby, Jr., 76, went to be with the Lord after a courageous and determined battle with cancer on April 19, 2011. Born in Houston, Texas, on December 16, 1934, he lived in Huntsville, Texas, since 1976.

Throughout his life, Bud worked as a stationery engineer and construction supervisor in Houston and Huntsville, as well as overseas. He retired from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in 2000. He proudly served in the U.S. Naval Reserves and was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was also a member of the Melrose Chapter of the Masonic Lodge. Bud was married 55 years to his wife, Billie, and was a devoted father and grandfather.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents Chester Payton Irby, Sr., and Elsie Leona Hein Irby, as well as by his brother, Donald James Irby.

He is survived by his wife, Billie Evaughn Bostick Irby, and three daughters: Bambi and husband Philip Kiser of Huntsville, Brenda and husband Michael Phillips of Spring, and Babette Loosier of New Braunfels. His is also survived by grandchildren Ren and Brittany Kiser; Alex, Brent and Hannah Phillips; and Lance and Morgan Pringle.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 21, 2011, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral home in Huntsville, Texas, and funeral services for Mr. Irby will be conducted at 10 a.m., April 22, 2011 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, with Dr. James Featherstone officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Irby's family wishes to thank doctors Abbasi, Sosa, Rollins, and Sehgal and the dedicated caretakers at the Sam Houston Cancer Center, Huntsville Memorial Hospital, and Compassionate Care Hospice for their loving and amazing care.

In lieu of flowers, friends are encouraged to make a donation to the American Cancer Society (800-227-2345 or cancer.org) or any charity of their choice.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Chester Payton "Bud" Irby, Jr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Bambi, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. I know what a close family you were and how difficult this must be for all of you. You are in my prayers.*

Jeannine Jacoby - April 23, 2011 at 10:59 AM



“ *Dear Irby Family, you're in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Donna and Lynn Boone - April 22, 2011 at 11:53 AM



“ *Billie and Girls, just wanted to say that our hearts goes out to you during this difficult time. We love you and will always keep you in our prayers. Bud will be sorely missed by all of us. Love, Dorothy, Debra & Herman Henderson*

Herman, Dorothy & Debra Henderson - April 21, 2011 at 06:12 PM



“ *Babette and Family,
I am so sorry to hear about your Father. I know how hard it is to lose a parent. Hold onto the memories you have and he'll never be far away.
Toni*

Toni Dunkleberger - April 21, 2011 at 03:41 PM

MJ

“ We are sorry for your loss.

Mellicent Wiley, Bobby II, Heather, Heath & Justin - April 21, 2011 at 02:43 PM

BB

“ *Billie & girls, we have such wonderful memories of Bud....all the ballgames, cheerleader events, visits and even ringing cowbells at SHSU basketball games! We love all of you and our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through these difficult times. We also cherish the phone call from Bud a couple of weeks ago. Such a wonderful friend and, as George said, we will all be together again in Heaven someday. Much love, Bev & George*

Bev & George Bacon - April 21, 2011 at 11:51 AM

SS

“ *Bambi and Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Have comfort in knowing that you will always have those precious memories and the blessing that you had your Dad as long as you did. Our thoughts and prayers are with you...Sharon and Gary Schultz*

Sharon Bowling Schultz - April 21, 2011 at 11:42 AM

TM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. The pain of losing someone you love can be overwhelming. As you cherish the fond memories that you hold dear, may you also find comfort in knowing that our loving heavenly Father Jehovah promises us that very soon, he will by means of his son Jesus 'swallow up death forever, and wipe the tears from all faces.' (Isaiah 25:8) What a wonderful day that will be! He also give the promise of a future resurrection of our loved ones, "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." I hope these few words will bring you a measure of hope.

Tammy McCreery - April 21, 2011 at 09:43 AM

TB

“ Dear Bambi, My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss. The other employees of the Havins Unit wish to express their sympathies as well.

Toni Hill Beckett - April 21, 2011 at 08:23 AM

GL

“ Dear Irby family, Janet and I send our condolences and are praying for you in this difficult time.
Glenn and Janet Lumpkins

Glenn and Janet Lumpkins - April 20, 2011 at 09:35 PM

JM

“ Dear Irby family:
Our deepest sympathies and heartfelt prayers are with you at this most difficult of times. We mourn with those who mourn, but are comforted in the knowledge that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. God bless you all.

Jimmy and Diane Marks

Jimmy Marks - April 20, 2011 at 09:13 PM

D(

“ Billie, Bambi, Brenda, and Babette--my heart is with you all. I will always have fondness in my heart for Bud. My thoughts and prayers are with you. The strength of the Irby women and your faith that he is now at peace will carry you through this difficult time.

Love,
Donna Sheara (Pikus)

Donna Sheara (Pikus) - April 20, 2011 at 09:08 PM

LR

“ Deepest condolences to the Irby family. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Love you guys, the Merry-Ryan family. Friends from Bahrain.

Lisa Merry Ryan - April 20, 2011 at 06:40 PM

PR

“ Bambi, Brenda, Babette and Mrs. Irby,
I am sad to hear about Mr. Irby. I have fond memories of him from my days at First National Bank. He always made me laugh!! I will keep you all in my prayers during this time.

Peggy Carrera de la Rosa - April 20, 2011 at 06:36 PM

VP

“ Dear Billie, Bambi, Brenda, & Babette, Our heart and prayers go out to you. Your Dad was a very sincere, kind, & gentle soul. Billie, you have been the most wonderful & loving wife to Bud & I know how very fortunate he felt to have shared 55 years with you. God Bless & keep always. May you find peace & Comfort knowing how much you are loved by all who know you.

Vince & MargARET

Vince & Margaret Paulse - April 20, 2011 at 05:53 PM

LK

“ Dear Bambi, our deepest sympathies to you and your family....Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Lisa & Chris

Lisa & Chris Kiser - April 20, 2011 at 04:29 PM

GM

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time. We have had the pleasure of having Mr. and Mrs. Irby enter our lives 2 years ago. Mr. Irby captured the heart of my 6 year old daughter Emily. She asked me to let Mrs. Irby know that she talked to God for her, and that she knows he will take great care of her friend, Mr. Irby. She also wanted to let her know that he is waiting for her to someday join him in heaven with God.~Mrs. Irby I just wanted to let you know you are not with out love my Emily. Please let us know if there is anything you need.

Guada & Britney Moreno - April 20, 2011 at 02:23 PM

HJ

“ My thoughts and prayers extended to the Irby family as you all journey down this path, difficult as it might be. May the many memories and love bring you all joy and peace in the days ahead. May God Bless!

Harriett Jones - April 19, 2011 at 10:18 PM

RC

“ My family and I were lucky enough to meet Bud and Billie a few years ago now. Bud and I did a few chores/jobs that "the boss" (as he called her) around here. These two were a match and always will be. I will miss Bud no matter what. He was one man that could do or try just about anything. We was a man with a great mind and some working hands for sure. He loved staying busy. More so though, Bud was a great husband, father and grandfather as he spoke many a time about his family. I am lucky to have met and spent some cherished times and chats with Bud throughout the years, especially the past few months. He will be missed and not forgotten. He was and always be my friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Billie and the entire family.

Ronnie and Sheila Cannon - April 19, 2011 at 07:55 PM

PC

“ Billie and Girls, I wanted you to know we are thinking of you during this difficult time. Our prayers are with all of you. Peggy and Kathy

Peggy Cole - April 19, 2011 at 06:42 PM

NJ

“ Bambi and Family, I am so very sorry for the loss of your Dad. Please all of you remember all of the good years and times you had with him. Norma Dell Jones (former SHSU Alumni Director) of Lovelady.

Norma Dell Jones - April 19, 2011 at 06:29 PM

JB

“ *Bambi and Family,*
I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. I lost my dad 7 years ago and it seems like only yesterday. I hope that all your wonderful memories will help you through the days ahead! Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers! God Bless...
Jamie & Don Brinegar

Jamie Ellisor Brinegar - April 19, 2011 at 03:57 PM

SG

“ *Dear Bambi and family,*
Just wanted to say that my heart goes out to you as you travel this difficult road. We love you and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.
Love,
John and Susan

Susan Gordon - April 19, 2011 at 12:14 PM