



Clarence "Duke" Paulsel

October 4, 1949 - April 4, 2009

Clarence Henry "Duke" Paulsel Clarence "Duke" Paulsel was born in Houston on October 4, 1949, and passed away in Conroe on March 30, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer. He is preceded in death by parents Henry and Arnedo Paulsel; brother-in-law, John J Pasket, Jr; great niece Rachel Paulsel; and mother-in-law Clarice Irvine. Duke is survived by his wife Judy Irvine Paulsel; children Kirk Alan Paulsel and Kari Nicole Paulsel; brother James Paulsel; sister Joyce Pasket; nephew Mark Paulsel and wife Kay; nephew Johnny Paulsel and wife Tabra; niece Rachel Smith and husband Freddie; great nieces and nephews Abby Walker, Jonathan Hector, Joshua Paulsel, David Paulsel, Ethan Smith and Alyson Smith; Uncles Hervey Paulsel and wife Wanda, and Robert Paulsel and wife Gerri; Aunt Geraldine Merz; other family members, Wesley Irvine, Charlie and Tracy Irvine, Brenda and David Walker, Aaron and Caroline Walker, Matthew Irvine, Bret and Ardith Irvine, Lisa Walker, Brandi and Joshua Hector; and special friend and partner Don Richard Cauthen. Duke served his country in the US Marine Corp during the Vietnam War. Pallbearers will be Don Cauthen, Mark Paulsel, E C Ballew, Charlie Craig, Raymond Klawinski, Pete Salbato, Guy Cook and Joe Mayrant. Honorary Pallbearers are Gene Watkins, Buck Hightower, Bill Wilson, Joe E Short, John V Peet, MD, Jason Laningham, MD; and the coffee gang at the café, New Waverly, TX. Duke's wife, Judy, has had her best friends to lean on, Marti, Valerie, Heather and Kathy. In Duke's last days, he was surrounded by good friends, family and a special caregiver, Mienesha Williams. When the

end came near, while under the care of Odyssey Healthcare, he was transferred to Odyssey House, where he found peace and went to see our Lord. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Assistance in Healthcare, c/o Cancer Treatment Center of America, P.O. Box 700392, Tulsa, OK 74170-0392. One of the last conversations Judy had with Duke was about his wishes, one was that everyone dress casual for his celebration of life, and to remember "When you die, you may be gone but you are not forgotten." Visitation with the family is scheduled for Friday, April 3 from 5-8 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis. Funeral Services officiated by Rev. Horace Wellons will be held Saturday, April 4, at 11 AM in the Chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home with interment following services at Gourd Creek Cemetery in Huntsville. You are invited to leave a written condolence to the family on our website at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Clarence "Duke" Paulsel

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ Judy, Soooo sorry to hear of Duke's passing. We spent five years in Peru and missed so much. Know Don must miss him every day, even now. Hugs, Cheryl Houston (moved from Hwy 30 to Galveston)

Cheryl Houston - July 18, 2016 at 03:03 AM



“ Judy.... Words are small in stature to a man who was so large in your family. It has been a very long and tedious road, but I know you have found great comfort in the times you spent together over the last year especially. You have been so kind to all of us who visit Dr Peets office, and we want you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you. My sincere condolences to you and your family.

Frank Westerfield - April 09, 2009 at 08:37 AM



“ Judy, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May the Lord give you peace.

Cheryl Fullen - April 06, 2009 at 07:58 PM



“ judy, we have been thinking about you so much during this time. i know how close you and duke were and i know you can feel his spirit. we love you, m and m .

michael kellam - April 04, 2009 at 11:31 PM

WW

“ Dear Judy & family, We didn't get to know Duke very well, but just reading the condolences, I learned so much about him. I knew he was a great guy if he was loved by you. I know just how it was when he entered the heavenly gates. Clarice got up from the piano with a huge grin on her face, and she exclaimed, "Duke!!" Then she jumped up, her heavenly robe flying, and she went and gave him the biggest hug ever. And there are still a line of people he knew and loved having a great reunion. We can't imagine the pain you're feeling. Our heart hurts too bad if we try to imagine your loss. We love you and will be holding you close in our hearts and prayers. Your cousins, Willie Charles & Sherryl

Willie Charles & Sherryl Wigley - April 03, 2009 at 08:39 PM

MA

“ Judy, you are doing great girl. I loved Duke & all the fun we had, especially those deer parties. I will miss being teased by him, his never forgetting, "NOT TO" let me buy anything to drink, because I buy the cheapest stuff in town, & my "DRIVING". the time you & duke, let me drive out of town with you & I passed the car on the wrong side of road with another one coming & he was screaming in the back seat- & that I was a "YANKEE", but He never forgot to be my "FRIEND", & give me "Bear Hugs" & I will miss him always. Love Ya, Maggie

Maggie - April 03, 2009 at 06:14 PM

JP

“ Paulsel family, I will remember Duke most of all for his jocks no matter how corney it was. Judy he loved you very much you were a very lucky lady.

Jean Peet - April 03, 2009 at 06:03 PM

CM

“ I pray that God will pour his peace, strength and hope into you today!

Crystal Mulville - April 03, 2009 at 11:56 AM

GN

“ Sorry about Duke. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Talk with you soon.

Geraldine Norvell - April 03, 2009 at 10:58 AM

AG

“ Judy, I just found out about Duke and I wanted you to know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Duke may be gone but he will forever be in our prayers.

Ann Griffin - April 03, 2009 at 10:41 AM

MN

“ Judy,
I didn't know Duke personally, but I know how you will miss him. I have been there. He is with God now, and will be waiting to be reunited with you someday in Heaven.
Love, Marie

Marie Nelson - April 03, 2009 at 10:12 AM

MM

“ Judy,
We are so sorry for your loss. Clarence was a great entertainer,
whether on the dance floor, telling a joke or making you feel like a
part of the family..we love him and we love you.
He has a brand new, disease free body now, rejoice and praise the
Lord for that.
We will miss him greatly-however, he will NEVER be forgotten!
Love,
Marilyn and Gene Martin

Marilyn and Gene Martin - April 03, 2009 at 10:08 AM

ML

“ MY SINCERE SYPATHIES IN YOUR LOSS OF BELOVED
HUSBAND "DUKE". GOD BLESS.

MRS MARGARET LITTLE - April 03, 2009 at 09:21 AM

PS

“ Judy, as you said, you know Duke is now with God and probably
giving him gray hairs. That should make you smile a bit. You are a
blessing and will find your inner strength in your faith. I found a
message to me one day when I needed that strength. The
message, of all places, was on the bottom of a check I saw while
working a patient's account. That message I give to you is, "I can do
all things through Christ who strengthens me". You are in our
prayers. Love from Pat and Roy Stone

Pat and Roy Stone - April 02, 2009 at 10:56 PM

MW

“ To Mrs.Judy you have my deepest sympathy your more like a famliy to me my heart is her with u and i just wont to let u know i love u always can call on me Mienesha Williams
mr.duke,caregiver

mienesha williams - April 02, 2009 at 10:18 PM

DU

“ Dear Paulsel Family,

Our thoughts. love and prayers are with you.

Danny & Pam Upchurch - April 02, 2009 at 06:27 PM

M&

“ Ms,Judy I just wanted to let you know that things will get better I know things may look a little dark right now but in time things will began to look a little brighter. So just stay in HIS word and things will be okay,you have my deepest sympathy. LOVE YOU

Michelle &Family - April 02, 2009 at 06:26 PM

MT

“ To all of Clarence's loved ones. Clarence was a dear friend to our family. May your thoughts be full of love and joy when you think of Clarence as you travel the roads of life. May God be with you.

Mike and Charlotte Tomkavits - April 02, 2009 at 06:21 PM

JT

“ *Judy, We are so sorry for your loss. You and Duke were blessed to find each other. You stood by his side and loved him through it all, the good times and the bad. I know it's hard to lose the love of your life but he will go on in your heart and the hearts of family and friends. Our prayers are with you and all the family and will remain in our thoughts always. God grant you peace and comfort in this time of sorrow and know that your friends are there when you need us.*

Jim & Talma Thorpe - April 02, 2009 at 06:08 PM

KG

“ *Judy on behalf of myself and the members of Blessings Club, we send you our love, our thoughts and our prayers in this time of sorrow.
May God's hand of mercy comfort you during this time.
Love you always,
Karen Garris, CEO
Blessings Club*

Karen Garris - April 02, 2009 at 05:15 PM

SB

“ *To the Paulsel Family,*

Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer.

Sandy Brown-Glisson - April 02, 2009 at 03:01 PM

N(

“ Dear Joyce, James, Rachel, Freddie and all family members, I have such fond memories of Clarence. He always had a teasing glint in his eye and was always ready for a good conversation. I especially enjoyed dancing with him at Rachel's wedding. As cousins from "The North" visiting Texas was always an adventure. Clarence's spirit contributed much to our sense of adventure and fun. He will be missed. Our thought are with you at this time. With Affection, Mary-Lee & Richard

Nary-Lee Merz (Cousin) - April 02, 2009 at 02:17 PM

KW

“ Dear Judy, you and your family are in our prayers. Ken and Mona

Ken and Mona Wofford - April 02, 2009 at 12:37 PM

GH

“ Judy;
May God give you peace and understanding. Lean on Him heavy and he will guide you through. I know.
Love, Gerry

Gerry Henderson - April 02, 2009 at 11:55 AM

SD

“ Judy,

May God comfort you in this very difficult time. We know you lost your best friend and life partner but you will have so many wonderful memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.

Love to you,

Sharon and Bob

Sharon and Bob Deerwester - April 02, 2009 at 11:51 AM

JU

“ Judy,
You are in our thoughts and prayers, and we love you.
From: Wayne & Evelyn Huddleston

Judy - April 02, 2009 at 10:51 AM

CM

“ Dear Joyce & family: Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.
You are in our thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace.
Sincerely,
Carolyn Snoe McClure & family

Carolyn McClure - April 02, 2009 at 10:49 AM

CN

“ We will miss Duke's dry sense of humor, but we are glad to have
known him the short time we did. Our thoughts and prayers are with
you Judy, and your family, which is our family too. We love you all.
God Bless!

Carey and Sue Nett - April 02, 2009 at 10:47 AM

GG

“ Judy, Joyce, James

I am so sorry to hear about Clarence.

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

I pray the Lord will comfort you with his peace, surround you in His
love and encourage you with His presence.

Gene Green - April 02, 2009 at 09:59 AM

CF

“ To Judy and the Paulsel family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God comfort you and may you always treasure the memories you had with Clarence.

Clara Novark & Family - April 02, 2009 at 09:46 AM

CM

“ As a young child it was always an adventure to visit Texas for the summer and one of the highlights of course was to stay with my cousin Clarence. And although I was six years younger, he would take me under his wing and we would get into some sort of trouble. When Uncle Henry would come home from work we'd have to answer for it, but of course we'd go ahead and get into the same antics the next day. I will miss Clarence, but will be forever grateful that I knew him, and will always have a smile on my face when I remember him. May God's blessings comfort each and everyone of you, and lighten your heavy hearts'. You always have been and always will be Clarence's greatest treasure and legacy.

Love to you all,

Les Merz, Cousin
Mill Creek, WA

Cousin Les Merz - April 01, 2009 at 10:20 PM

JH

“ To the family of Clarence:
My memories of Clarence are from my adolescence and he & my Dad, Avon, were friends. Clarence always had a story to tell, even if you'd already heard it. The tale somehow always grew the 2nd time around. Our community has lost quite a character!! To Kirk & Kari: My prayers will be for comfort for you in the days to come. May you look to God for strength & feel His love.

Jennie (Bartee) Hatcher - April 01, 2009 at 10:01 PM

TB

“ *Our prayers and thughts are with the family during this time. Duke was a wonderful man and a great friend to my Dad, (EC) he will truly be missed.*

Theresa Ballew-Edmond - April 01, 2009 at 02:41 PM