



## Elmer Alonzo Richardson

December 11, 1924 - October 2, 2011

Elmer Alonzo Richardson Elmer Alonzo Richardson, 86, of Huntsville, Texas, formerly of Mexia, Texas, passed away on October 2, 2011. He was born December 11, 1924, in Honest Ridge, Texas to John L. and Velma Richardson. Elmer graduated from Wortham High School in 1941. Immediately after high school he joined the US Army Air Corps with his parent's permission due to his young age. In June 1943 at the age of 18 he became the youngest Master Sergeant in the Army at the time. Elmer said he watched the air corps planes from Corsicana flying over the family farm and knew he wanted to fly. He received his wings in September 1945 and was stationed in numerous stateside air bases, Manila, Guam and after the victory, in Japan. During the occupation, he witnessed the destruction and ruins of Okinawa and Hiroshima, an unpleasant memory that lingered with him. In 1948 he was granted an appointment to West Point but turned it down. As anxious as he was to leave the farm, seven years later he was ready to come home. After returning, Elmer became co-owner of the Wortham Journal with his brother John. He hired and then married Carrie Faye Wright in 1950. She preceded him in death in 2001. He worked at the Mexia Daily News for 19 years before starting his own company, Richardson Printing, in 1970. Elmer retired in 1999 to the Carriage Inn in Huntsville. He had a green thumb and was known for his gift with plants, coaxing all of them to thrive. He was an avid reader and developed an impressive collection of arrowheads, hunting them from many sites in Limestone and Freestone counties. He met and

married Betty Anderson in 2004. She preceded him in death in 2008. Elmer enjoyed his life at the Carriage Inn, holding the honor of being "The Prez" for the residents for many years. His pleasant personality and fine wit endeared him to many. Elmer Richardson is survived by his son, Rich Richardson; daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Dennis Conine; grandchildren Martin Vaughn and wife Malia, John Conine and wife Jennifer, Libby Conine, Amelia Pace and husband Tyler and Kristen Conine; seven great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Loveta Richardson and Dell Richardson and three nephews. Elmer was also preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law, Leoda and Lee York and his two brothers, John H. Richardson and Amos Richardson. The family would like to thank the employees of Carriage Inn, especially Mary Jordan and Cheryl Dixon, and the Odyssey House in Conroe. A private ceremony with the immediate family will be held in the spring, during bluebonnet season, near his family farm where it all started. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elmer Alonzo Richardson*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I want to say I'm truly sorry for you lost. Your Family is in my prayers. Elmer was a great man and resident at the Carriage Inn. I will miss him always.*

*Love,  
Rosemary Sandoval*

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**Rosemary Sandoval** - October 11, 2011 at 10:12 AM



“ *I'm very sorry for your lost. I want to say that I am very honored to have served The President:)for 11 years. He will always be in my heart. He will be truly missed at the Carriage Inn.*

*Love Always,  
Mary Jordan*

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**Mary Jordan** - October 11, 2011 at 10:04 AM



“ *Rick and Jan,so sorry to read about Elmer in the Mexia paper on Saturday.Lot of memories from his printing days while in school and working at Penney's.A super DAD to you both and husband to your MOM. Lots of love to you both from Mexia during this time. Bubba G.*

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**Bubba Garber** - October 10, 2011 at 01:16 PM

TA

“ I did not meet Elmer until about 2003, about a year before he married my mother, Betty Anderson, after they had both lost their long-time spouses. After reading the previous condolences, I understand Elmer better, and realize his wonderful treatment of my mother was just an extension of his total life. I wish I could have known him longer. I extend my condolences to Rick and Jan and the whole family. You had a wonderful father!

*Tom Anderson, Lynden, Washington*

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**Tom Anderson** - October 09, 2011 at 10:45 PM

LS

“ I met Elmer while my mother lived at the Carriage Inn. I was always impressed at how he carried himself, both physically and as a man. I always heard what a good man and caring husband he was to his first wife and I saw firsthand how he was with Betty (before and after they married). It was my pleasure to have known him. I didn't know his history but now that I do, I can see clearly why he was loved by everyone. My mother passed away in January and like my family, Elmer's family has a lot to live up to -- be thankful for that.

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**Louise Sanders** - October 09, 2011 at 08:17 PM

CW

“ Another of the old United States Army Air Force has completed his flight. Elmer was a member of a dwindling number of USAAF WW II vets who were in life's traffic pattern. Some of us are asking for clearance to land, some on the down wind leg, some turning base leg, some on final approach gear down and locked, some taxiing to the hangar for engine shut down after a smooth touch down. Elmer did it all with precision and perfection. The record of his life is a model for all to see and try to match. He may have turned in his chute but his memories still fly in the hearts and minds of those who will always remember him and the way he touched their lives. To those I say he flew a good mission. Charles Wagamon

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**Charles and Marion Wagamon** - October 09, 2011 at 02:29 PM

JB

“ Jan, so sorry about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all the rest of the family. Elmer and Carrie were special and it was a privilege to know them. They were always so friendly. I am sending Derward an email to let him know about Elmer and I am sure he will be thinking of you and will get in touch as soon as he is home from the cruise. Love, June Bradley

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**June Bradley** - October 08, 2011 at 05:50 PM

DM

“ I worked with Elmer at the Mexia Daily News and he taught me a lot about the printing trade. He was easy to talk to and I am sure he will be missed, especially by his family and the people at the place he was living. He lived a colorful and interesting long life.

*Dana Moss  
Mexia, Texas*

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**Dana Moss** - October 08, 2011 at 04:13 PM

RB

“ I worked with Elmer for several years at the Mexia Daily News from 1962 to 1966 before I moved to Dallas. He was a good friend and co-worker. We were on a bowling league together, and I had the pleasure of going on one of his arrowhead hunts. He impressed me with his skill as a printer at the News, and he could always make you laugh, even when you were having a bad day.

*My condolences to his family.*

*Richard Boydston - Dallas, Texas*

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**Richard Boydston** - October 08, 2011 at 11:17 AM