



Judge Frank J Robinson

August 22, 1916 - June 18, 2015

Former Judge of Walker County Frank Robinson prayerfully retired from this life on June 18, 2015. Born on August 22, 1916 on the old Jones tobacco farm in Walker County he moved to Pine Prairie at age three months when his family purchased a farm on Jenkins Rd. The son of truck farmers and a survivor of the great depression, Robinson never forgot those who helped him to survive as he quietly aided others in need throughout his life.

Robinson began his career with Gulf States Utilities (now Entergy Corp.) in 1939 delivering ice to Huntsville "ice boxes". He followed a career path which took him to Cleveland, TX. eventually leading to jobs as a lineman, repairman and commercial equipment salesman. In 1962 Robinson was promoted to manager of the Woodville GSU office and the Woodville-Corrigan territory. He was transferred to Huntsville in 1965 where he served as District Supt. until his retirement from Gulf States in 1981. Upon his retirement he enjoyed ranching at his Diamond 4 Ranch, helping found The First American Bank of Huntsville, serving as County Judge for two terms and being a top real estate sales person for Homes of Huntsville. As County Judge he received The Texas Road Handlers Award. Two years ago Robinson retired from one of his most beloved jobs of seventy years, that of .donning a red suit and passing out candy from a sleigh at parades as well as several other functions.

In his youth Robinson was a student at the Sam Houston State Teachers College Demonstration School which was a teaching lab for college students.

He also attended, and proudly displayed, his diplomas from Pine Prairie Schools. He is a 1955 graduate of SHSTC, taking twenty years of night school classes to obtain his degree in sociology. In 1994 he received an Outstanding Alumni Award. Throughout the years Robinson took great pride in his university. Old and cherished friendships included SHSU leaders Harmon Lowman, Elliot Bowers, Coy Perkins and Ferol Robinson. Known for his humor as an after-dinner speaker, Robinson was recently overheard trying to negotiate with SHSU President Dana Hoyt to award him a P.H.D. based upon his gift for gab.

Robinson was proud of his hometown and encouraged its growth. He believed in being an active part of the community wherever you live. He belonged to many civic organizations and held leadership positions. In 2007 he was runner-up for the Outstanding Citizen Award.

A devout Christian, Robinson enjoyed traveling throughout the United States leading Lay Witness Missions. He taught Sunday school classes at the First Methodist Church and to TDC inmates, providing them with Bibles. In 1955 he was named Outstanding Texas Layman. Robinson also served on the Board of Trustees at Lon Morris College. He never tired or declined any opportunity to share his faith. He was thankful for the friends and blessings he received in his life. May he be remembered with love and laughter. He lived a good life and prayed daily to enter a more perfect one.

Robinson is preceded in death by his wife Virginia Louise and his son-in-law Chaplain William Pittman. He is survived by his sister Letha Robison, son Frank Robinson, Jr.(wife Sharon), daughters Polly Pittman and Nancy Grossenbacher (husband Richard}. Robinson has five grand-children and six great grand-children all of whom shared a loving relationship with their grandfather, each bringing him great pride and joy.

The family requests that in honor of Judge Robinson a visitation be made to the sick or confined to share your joy.

Judge Frank Robinson will lie in state from 8:00 AM till 7:30 PM on Monday, June 22, 2015 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Services will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at First United Methodist Church in Huntsville, Texas. Interment will follow the service at Brooke Cemetery in Huntsville, Texas.

Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Lie in State

JUN **22**. 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Service

JUN **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Huntsville
1016 North Sam Houston Ave
Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Judge Frank J Robinson*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Judge Frank was one of the finest men I was ever privileged enough to know. He was a gentleman, a humorous man, and a giving man. He taught many of us lessons about life that will never be forgotten. To his family we send hugs and prayers. He was one of a kind, who will live in our hearts forever!*
Dee & Steve Everett

Dee Everett - June 23, 2015 at 09:12 AM



“ *Mr. Frank (as you were known to most of us, or simply Judge) my name is Ronald F. Dezelle. I want to thank you for marrying me to Mary L.(James) Dezelle on 02/14/ 87,sadly she passed on3/24/2012. Occasionally my mom Lyrleene Dezelle has attended church and dinners with you. All of us truly enjoyed your company as you will be sorely missed.Our condolences go out to all of your family and friends. May you rest in peace.Sincerely, Ronald F. Dezelle & family.*

Ronald F. Dezelle - June 22, 2015 at 07:57 PM

SS

“ Uncle Frank was definitely one in a million! Enjoyed many trips out to his farm to cut down Christmas trees, have a picnic amidst the cow poop! (any of my cousins remember this?) I'll never forget the year I was old enough (or at least I thought I was to stand on the tool box on the outside of his truck that was loaded down with Christmas trees and then he would "sail" down one side of the creek and up the other! All it took was one time and after that I crawled back in the cab!! I remember family dinners at his and Aunt Weezie's house with a lot of family and he would always say the most beautiful prayer. I remember his inauguration as County Judge and was so pleased he introduced me and Laney. I could go on and on, but he was one in a million and yes he will be missed. Loved you to the moon and back!
Shannon and family



Shannon Sims - June 22, 2015 at 07:49 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Judge Frank J Robinson.



June 22, 2015 at 06:09 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judge Frank J Robinson.



June 22, 2015 at 04:50 PM


LC

“ I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I still have lots of great memories when we were neighbors on Roosevelt St. in Cleveland. I remember how sad I was when you moved away. I also still remember that stinking smell when they were branding the animals. My dad passed away in 2005, right after Hurricane Rita and my mom died in January 2011. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Linda Byars Clary

Linda Byars Clary - June 22, 2015 at 11:09 AM

 Linda Kemp

“ Uncle Frank was always a figure at our house when I was growing up. My fondest memory is when he would hold a quarter in his fist and I would have to pry his fingers open. It would take some time to get it open but when I did I got to keep the quarter. A tradition he carried on with my two sons when they were little. I will miss him but have many good memories. Love to all the family, Linda Small Kemp

Linda Kemp - June 21, 2015 at 08:22 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judge Frank J Robinson.



June 21, 2015 at 11:41 AM

EN

“ I believe he is one of the greatest men I have ever known. I was proud to call him Uncle. Ernestine (Williams) Neal

Ernestine Neal - June 21, 2015 at 10:29 AM

HJ

“ My sincere condolences to the family & friends of Judge Robinson. May God give you all peace and comfort during this time of sorrow. Judge will be missed by all that was blessed to have known him.



H Jones - June 20, 2015 at 10:17 PM

NB

“ Frank Jr., I am sorry to hear about your father's passing. He must have been a great guy. My sincere condolences to you and all of your family. May God be with yall in this time of mourning.

Nathan E. Boyd - June 20, 2015 at 08:46 AM

DP

“ Donna Paschall lit a candle in memory of Judge Frank J Robinson



Donna Paschall - June 20, 2015 at 07:26 AM

DP

“ May God wrap His loving arms around you at this sad time. May He give you rest and comfort. We all loved Mr. Frank and he was a great friend and neighbor to my parents/family. Please know we are praying for you. Dick, Maudie and Steve Robinson greeted him in heaven. Carol and Richard Byrd, Jan and Tom Rogers, Donna and Walter Paschall, and Mary and Nathan Roe.

Donna Paschall - June 20, 2015 at 07:25 AM

BC

“ Bridgette Neeley Clay lit a candle in memory of Judge Frank J Robinson



Bridgette Neeley Clay - June 19, 2015 at 09:26 PM



“ I will always remember Judge Robinson as one of the most kindest of Christian men. He was a great joy to our family and we enjoyed spending time with him at all the after 5:00 events. He served on the Commissioner's Court with my Dad for many years and they had a wonderful sense of humor together! . One of my favorite memories is of him bringing squirrels out to our house to let them go in the National Forest because they would just get run over at his house! Judge Robinson will surely be missed. Your family is in our thoughts & prayers! God Bless...❤️
Jamie & Don Brinegar



Jamie Sue Brinegar - June 19, 2015 at 05:10 PM

LG

“ *Larry & Martha Grisham lit a candle in memory of Judge Frank J Robinson*



Larry & Martha Grisham - June 19, 2015 at 05:08 PM

LG

“ *Mr. Frank Robinson was such a wonderful man that both Larry and I thought the world of. He will be greatly missed by so many people in this town. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you in your time of loss.*

Larry & Martha Grisham - June 19, 2015 at 05:07 PM



“ <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=d-3BJrG79IA#>



Mellicent Wiley - June 19, 2015 at 02:40 AM



“ *Frank Robinson was one of the nicest Christian men that I have ever known. He was always giving so much to our community.*

"Thank You For Giving To The Lord" by Ray Boltz is one of my favorite songs. It describes Frank's life.

Thank you Lord for choosing Huntsville TX to share Frank Robinson with our community. Huntsville TX is a better place to live and raise our families because of men like Frank.

YouTube

Mellicent Wiley - June 19, 2015 at 02:31 AM

EC

“ *Earl And Sherry Carter lit a candle in memory of Judge Frank J Robinson*



Earl and Sherry Carter - June 18, 2015 at 07:05 PM

EA

“ *"I will always remember Uncle Frank for his preaching and giving back to others. I will also miss going with him to feed his cattle and driving fence post that he thought that I didn't know how.. Driving around in that white pickup truck that needed washing bad. From judging Halloween costumes , county business, and of course performing weddings. I never heard him speak in anger or say a bad things about anyone. He was a real Santa Claus year round. He will surely be missed. Heaven knows Uncle Frank. "*

Earnest and Donna Barron

Earnest - June 18, 2015 at 06:58 PM

RS

“ *Mr. Frank was one of the greatest men that ever walked the streets of Huntsville, Texas. He ALWAYS had time for you, no matter who you were or what type of person you were. He was generous with his donations to all Churches in the area and he will forever be remembered for his generous soul and his love for his God. Such a sweet, sweet gentleman and they just do not make men like Mr. Frank anymore. God Bless his sweet family!*
Richard and Patricia Shelly

Richard & Patricia Shelly - June 18, 2015 at 03:07 PM