



Guinn Hugh "Hootie" Murray

February 1, 1939 - October 18, 2022

Guinn Hugh "Hootie" Murray, 83, passed away on October 18, 2022, in Huntsville, TX.

Hootie was born on February 1, 1939 in Huntsville, TX, to Cecil and Annie Pearl Murray.

Hootie graduated from Huntsville High School in 1957 and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree from Sam Houston State University in 1962. He started his career as a Professional Baseball Player with the Colt 45's and later on went into the Oil and Gas Industry where he worked for over 40 years and then retired.

Hootie married Loretta Holmes, on April 15, 1961 in Huntsville. The couple had 3 children, Marva, Sharla and Kerry.

Hootie was best known for his athleticism, lively personality and he never met a stranger.

Hootie is survived by Mike Murray - brother, Kathy Murray - sister-in-law, Marva Murray - daughter, Sharla Murray Osborn - daughter, Kerry Murray - son, Anna Murray - daughter-in-law, Meagan Osborn - granddaughter, Paige Osborn - granddaughter, Garrett Butcher - grandson, Easton Osborn - great-

grandson, Kendall Wheeler - great-grandson, Brecklyn Osborn - great-granddaughter.

Hootie is preceded in death by parents Cecil W. Murray and Annie Pearl Murray , Loretta Murray - wife, Lenora Ann Murray Powell - sister , Cecil C. Murray - brother and Ryan Osborn - grandson.

Visitation for Hootie will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 12:00 pm and the funeral service will follow at 3:00 pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville.

The family would ask you to consider Memorial donations in lieu of flowers made in Hootie's name to: The Hootie Murray Endowment Fund at 620 Bowers Blvd., C/O Athletic Department, Huntsville, Texas 77340 and the Ryan Osborn Memorial Endowment at Sam Houston State University Office of University Advancement, SHSU Box 2537 Huntsville, Texas 77342. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Funeral Service

OCT **22**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Tribute Wall



“ *Guinn Hugh "Hootie" Murray*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Guinn Hugh and I met each other and became friends in the 6th grade when my family moved back to Huntsville. We were in the same classes through "junior high" and HHS. We started out on all the same sports teams, but I was smart enough to "phase out quickly" in basketball and baseball. We did play Hornet football together and shared many great moments, and a few that were not so great. As we all know, he became a bonafide outstanding baseball player. I always enjoyed telling my other friends that I had gone to HHS with a "real athlete" who was playing in the pros, and had been one of the very best at Sam Houston.*

We both had a near 100% attendance at Class of '57 Hornet reunions. It was here that we met the lovely Loretta. She was the "home run" of his life. My wife, Loretta, and Jenny Renfro became good friends because they were the "outsiders" at these affairs. About 25 years ago, he decided that I was not keeping up with affairs in Huntsville well enough. So, he started periodically, with no rhyme nor reason as to when, sending me clippings from the Huntsville Item. He knew that I really did enjoy them, and we visited on the phone after several of them.

He was a great representative of the great Murray family. I will dearly miss him, and I send my condolences to all his family.

Sandy Lowry

HHS Class of '57

sandy lowry - October 22, 2022 at 12:59 PM

KB

Thank you, Sandy Lowry for this beautiful tribute to Guinn Hugh! I believe every girl in our class had a crush on him. He was loved and is missed by all of us who knew and loved him!

Kay Barrett - July 07, 2023 at 11:03 AM

SB

“ *Hootie is the coolest guy (except for Jimbo) that I've ever known. The room just lit up whenever he walked in. He would tell the funniest stories about Dad (Coach Britt). Dad just loved Hootie, as do we all!*

Blanton and Gale Britt

Shelia G Britt - October 22, 2022 at 09:05 AM




Charlotte
Efird

“ *Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Guinn Hugh "Hootie" Murray*

Charlotte Efird - October 21, 2022 at 08:39 PM



LT

“ *The Murray Family became my home away from while I was a student at Sam Houston. Cecil & Annie Pearl were my loving foster parents and Hootie was my college brother in Delta Tau Delta. We made a decision that our Delt group would be together forever. To my knowledge we only missed a couple of summer reunion gatherings due to covid. He was one of the Greats and shall not be forgotten. We love you Hootie, Joel & Betty Barnard*



LIBBY BARNARD TIGHE - October 21, 2022 at 01:44 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Guinn Hugh "Hootie" Murray.*



October 21, 2022 at 10:55 AM

JH

“ *R I P. God man, father, and friend. Prayers for family.*

Jack Heard - October 20, 2022 at 09:35 PM

JH

“ *Jack Heard lit a candle in memory of Guinn Hugh "Hootie" Murray*



Jack Heard - October 20, 2022 at 09:34 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Guinn Hugh "Hootie" Murray*



M. Hyvl - October 20, 2022 at 04:35 PM

RK

“ *Hanging out with Hootie on Friday nights or after football games at Murski's is one of my fondest memories of college. Always a joy to be around. A selfless and giving friend, he was willing to help in any way he could in my hopes of playing in the NFL.*

Ryan Klaus - October 20, 2022 at 03:42 PM

JC

“ *Janice And Ronnie Choate lit a candle in memory of Guinn Hugh "Hootie" Murray*



Janice and Ronnie Choate - October 20, 2022 at 03:23 PM

MC

“ *We lost one of THE GREATEST !!!!!!!*

Mark Chalker - October 20, 2022 at 01:18 PM

NV

“ Thoughts and Prayers are with the family during this time. Gob bless you.



Nicole Venette - October 20, 2022 at 10:07 AM

DR

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all



Dawn Rachal - October 19, 2022 at 11:25 PM

TH

“ Thomas & Jennie Hayman lit a candle in memory of Guinn Hugh "Hootie" Murray



Thomas & Jennie Hayman - October 19, 2022 at 09:36 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Guinn Hugh "Hootie" Murray.



October 19, 2022 at 07:15 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Guinn Hugh
"Hootie" Murray



M. Hyvl - October 19, 2022 at 01:36 PM

KL

“ Too many wonderful memories to just pick one for my Uncle Hootie!
He's not really my uncle but I've called him that since I was very
little. He also gave me the name "Kelly Patch"!! He was such a
wonderful funny story teller and I believe all of them were true down
to the last detail. My favorite memories are at the Murray lake house
and of course living in each other's backyard's at Elkins!

*Marva, Sharla, and Kerry, I love you all like a sister/brother! You all
are in my thoughts!!*

*Most of all Uncle Hootie, thank you for being my daddy's best friend!
He loved you all the way til the end and I know you loved him just as
much!! I didn't get to visit you that much these days but I will miss
you forever and always,*

*I Love You, Kelly Patch
(Every time I see Kerry, he still calls me that and it makes my day
because it always makes me think of you!!)*

Kelly Bohan Laskie - October 19, 2022 at 11:19 AM

CN

“ Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Guinn Hugh "Hootie" Murray



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - October 19, 2022 at 01:44 AM

LL

Condolences to Hootie's family. I was privileged to have been in college with Hootie and became brothers through the Esquire Social Club and the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. We shared many different experiences that I shall always treasure. One of my most memorable experiences is sharing a Sunday brunch at our annual Esquire/Delt reunions. He and Johnny Perkins always made the most delicious dis for us to share before heading home. Along with well mixed mimosas we all drove home with a smile on our face. These lasted until Johnny Perkins left us several years ago. RIP Hootie.

Larry "Frenchman" LaFonte

LARRY LAFONTE - October 20, 2022 at 04:23 PM

BS

“ Betty Stahman purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Guinn Hugh "Hootie" Murray.



Betty Stahman - October 18, 2022 at 06:34 PM