



## Herbert Morton South

August 23, 1924 - May 11, 2015

Herbert Morton South

August 23, 1924 – May 11, 2015

On May 11, 2015 Herbert M. South was lifted up to the heavens and released from all the pain and suffering he has endured in this past year.

Herbert was born on August 23, 1924 in Bradley, Arkansas to Ed and Laura South. Herbert is predeceased by his parents Laura and Ed; Herbert's brothers Robert, James, Wiley, Arden and sister Louise; his first wife Nancy and second wife Clara Ruth.

Herbert and his family moved to Longview, Texas from Bradley, Arkansas in 1930. He graduated from Spring Hill High School in 1942. Soon after that, Herbert joined the United States Navy where he attained the rank of Chief Petty Officer Commissary. Herbert was involved in numerous conflicts around the world and spent a majority of his time on the USS Wren. After 4 years of active duty, Herbert then joined the Navy Reserves. He was an active member in the Reserves for 15 years. Herbert loved the Navy, and throughout the years attended as many reunions as he possibly could.

Herbert made his home in Houston, Texas where he worked as a painter for

Teko Painting Contractors. He also taught painting apprentice courses at Houston Community College and San Jacinto College.

Shortly after arriving in Houston, Herbert met Laura (“Nancy”) Medeiros; they were married in 1950 and raised two daughters and a son. After Nancy’s passing, Herbert rekindled a friendship with Clara Ruth Yearout, who was also widowed at the time. The two of them were happily married in August 1993 and enjoyed many wonderful years together -- enjoying traveling and family outings until Clara Ruth’s passing in 2010.

Family, his church and the Navy meant the most to Herbert. Between the “South/Medeiros” clan and the “Yearout/Leftwich” clan, there are too many nieces/nephews, grandchildren/great grandchildren -- along with step-nieces/nephews and step-grandchildren/great grandchildren to name separately. However, Herbert truly loved them all! Herbert leaves behind his daughter Janice South and her partner David Allen; Gail West and her husband Gene; son Philip Medeiros and his wife Sandra; step-daughter Cynthia Leftwich and her husband Jim; and step-son Ron Yearout and his wife Linda.

A Viewing for Herbert will be from 4:00 PM till 6:00 PM on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. On Friday, May 15, 2015 a memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church of New Waverly at 10:00 AM. Please note that a light lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Herbert will be buried at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Longview, Texas at 3:30 PM following the memorial service in New Waverly.

For those wishing to make a memorial contribution, please send your memorial contributions to First Baptist Church of New Waverly, Food Pantry Building Fund, c/o Dr. J.D. Andrews, Pastor, 460 Fisher Street, New Waverly,

Texas 77358-3630 or to a charity of your choice.

Memorial condolences may be made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Longview, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

MAY 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of New Waverly  
460 Fisher Street  
New Waverly, TX 77358

## Interment

MAY 15. 3:30 PM (CT)

Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery  
Longview, TX



# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Herbert Morton South*



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - May 13, 2015 at 04:43 PM



“ *Herbert Morton South*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Herbert Morton South.*



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May 14, 2015 at 12:27 PM



“ *Walt, Paul and Chelsey R.M.D. Financial Group purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Herbert Morton South.*



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**Walt, Paul and Chelsey R.M.D. Financial Group** - May 13, 2015 at 02:07 PM

KL

“ Klara purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Herbert Morton South.



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**Klara** - May 13, 2015 at 01:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Herbert Morton South.



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May 13, 2015 at 01:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Herbert Morton South.



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May 13, 2015 at 12:19 PM

LW

“ *Chief South is among the greatest generation! A proud member of the greatest navy during one of the most critical times in our history! A chief in his day ran the navy. What an honor to have known an "old" Chief! One of the highlights of my life. Just wish I could have been his shipmate..... My prayers are with the family! Will miss our talks....Rest in pease Chief!*  
*Larry Woodrow ( AG 2 US Navy)*

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**Larry Woodrow** - May 13, 2015 at 10:00 AM

SM

“ *Sandra M. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Herbert Morton South.*



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**Sandra M.** - May 12, 2015 at 06:26 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Herbert Morton South.*



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May 12, 2015 at 04:14 PM

TF

“ *The Williams family. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Herbert Morton South.*



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**The Williams family.** - May 12, 2015 at 12:32 PM

TC

“ *THE SANDERS CLAN purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Herbert Morton South.*



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**THE SANDERS CLAN** - May 11, 2015 at 09:05 PM

JB

“ *Julie Boring lit a candle in memory of Herbert Morton South*



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**julie boring** - May 11, 2015 at 03:30 PM

JB

*I love you so much herbert you will be missed our hearts our broken but your will always be in our hearts in we will see you again. Rip herb you were wonderful .palms 23 the Lord is my sheperd..*

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**julie boring** - May 11, 2015 at 03:40 PM

LJ

*HERBERT THANK YOU FOR BEING IN MY LIFE YOU ARE SO LOVED BY MANY AND I WILL MISS YOU DEARLY SOME DAY I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN WITH PAPA AND GRANDMA I KNOW THERE IS A CROWN WAITING FOR YOU IN HEAVEN*

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**LI NDA JIRASEK** - May 12, 2015 at 07:36 AM