



H.J. Lemma

May 15, 1926 - July 10, 2006

H. J. Lemma “The Deer Man” H.J. Lemma was born May 15, 1926 in Phelps, Texas and passed away in Huntsville, Texas, July 7, 2006. He had been married to Lois Lemma for 60 years. H.J. served in the U.S. Navy and Merchant Marines during WWII . He was a tailgunner in the Navy Air Corp. He retired from the City of Houston after 34 years of service as an electrical supervisor. He designed and installed the microwave tower for the Houston Fire Department. He was a Past Master at John Sims Lodge #458 in New Waverly and belonged to the Arabian Temple. He was a huge supporter of the Huntsville Hornets and he broke and held Hornet football records in 1942. He was known by many as the “Deer Man” because a large herd of up to 30 head of deer came by every day for his personal feeding of corn to them. He is survived by his wife, Lois Lemma; son, Ronald James Lemma of Pasadena; daughter and husband, Pamela Jean McCoy and Stanley, of Deer Park; sister-in-law, Kathrin Lemma of Baytown; brother-in-law, Kenneth Lanham; grandson and wife, Wayne McCoy and Melissa; grandson, Tray McCoy, granddaughter and fiancé, Angela McCoy Cate and Mike Istre; great granddaughter, Alexandria McCoy Cate; niece, Sandy Ford; nephew and wife, Butch Hyde and Penny; nephew and wife, Junior Hyde and Eileen and beloved pet Cricket. He was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Edna Little Lemma; father, Orbain Norman Lemma; sister and brother-in-law, Muriel and O.G. Hill; brother, Orbain “Son” Lemma; sister, Dorothy Lemma; brother, Alfred Lemma; sister-in-law, Gloria Lanham; best loving friends and brother

and sister-in-law, Milton and Marcella Hyde; friend, Allen Ford; and grandparents, Hannibal James Lemma and Ella Perry Lemma. Services will be at 2:00pm on Monday, July 10, 2006 in the chapel of the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home with Rev. James Featherstone officiating. Interment will follow at Black Jack Cemetery with Masonic graveside rites by John Sims Lodge #458, New Waverly. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Sunday, July 9 from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Memorial condolences may be made online at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *H.J. Lemma*

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“ *Our sincere condolence to Lois, Pam, Ronnie, Wayne and Melissa, Tray, Angela and Mike, and Dria. We will always remember the many fond memories we have of H.J. and will miss his wit and humor.*

*Love,
Wes and Martha*

Wes and Martha McCoy - July 10, 2006 at 10:20 AM



“ *We share with deep sympathy in your loss and grief, and pray you will find comfort in knowing that the Lord and others care. H.J. was such a great friend, and he will be missed by all.*

"Tuffy" and LaVera Oliphant - July 10, 2006 at 09:10 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you...H.J. and I were class mates at HHS, Class of 44 and I was hoping to get to see him at the annual exstudents meeting. Considerd him one of my very best long time friends and how I did enjoy watching him play high school football. God Bless You.*

Wayne Dolive - July 09, 2006 at 09:46 PM

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“ To the Lemma Family,
Our deepest and most sincere sympathies are with you at the passing of such great and good a man as HJ. He helped raise me at John Sims back in 95 and he was always one of the reasons I enjoyed attending. His wit and humor was always cheerful. I will miss him and his smile. Please accept my condolences.
Glen Miller and Family

Glen A. Miller - July 09, 2006 at 10:55 AM