



Hugh Granberry, Jr.

February 5, 2009

Hugh Granberry was called home on Sunday, February 1, 2009, in Huntsville, Texas, after suffering a stroke at Thanksgiving, 2008. His life began in Rock Island, Texas, on January 28, 1928; his family moved to Yoakum, Texas, and then to Houston in the early thirties. He was preceded in death by his father, Hugh Granberry, and his mother, Ella Mae Berger Granberry. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Elizabeth Ann McDougald Granberry; son Michael Gene Granberry and daughter-in-law Wanda; his grandchildren, Matthew Wayne Granberry and Marcus Gene Granberry; sister-in-law Jean McIntosh and husband Tom; nephew Kevin McIntosh and wife Kim and children, Nicole, Jacob, Isabella, and Mason; niece Karen Stubblefield and husband Scott and son Ryon; and uncles, aunts, and cousins. Hugh attended school in Houston, graduating from Stephen F. Austin High School in 1945. Shortly thereafter, he joined the U. S. Merchant Marines. When he returned home, he was employed in the petrochemical industry working in Instrumentation specialty, supervisory, and management positions until retirement. Hugh had many passions, including hunting, fishing, piloting his own plane, golfing, and following the Houston Rockets and Astros. In addition to mentoring his family and grandsons, he volunteered his help to the Texas Baptist Men Retiree Builders. This selfless group traveled the nation constructing small churches and related facilities for the very appreciative church members. However, standing far above these activities was his love of his church in Huntsville, the University Heights Baptist Church. He served University Heights as a Deacon

and on any committee when needed. He was always thrilled to be asked to help anyone at church, and he thrived on the opportunities those requests presented. A life-long student of the game of golf, Hugh played in several local tournaments, and in the past enjoyed playing elsewhere in the state in father-son tournaments with his dad. Hugh served several terms as the captain of the Elkins Lake Men's Senior Inter-club Association. As a fitting late note, Hugh scored his last hole in one only six months ago. Visitation will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 PM on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at University Heights Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 5, 2009, at the same location with Dr. Richard Rogers officiating. Internment will be in Huntsville at Oakwood Cemetery - Adickes Addition. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial gifts be made to the University Heights Baptist Church Building Fund, 2400 Sycamore Ave, Huntsville, TX 77340. Memorial condolences to the family may be made online at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Hugh Granberry, Jr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Hugh always gave his best whether competing in a match or making sure the NHRSMGA was working smoothly. he was a great help to all new at the game or the competition. We will miss him.*

Tom Brownlie - February 19, 2009 at 10:08 PM



“ *Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you, Ann, Mike, Wanda, Matthew and Marc. We wish you comfort and peace today and always. Love, Bobbie and Walt*

Bobbie Smith and Walt Grace - February 05, 2009 at 09:33 AM



“ *Ann, we were sorry to hear of Hugh's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.*

*Geraldine & Sue McDougald
Hewlett & Tom Wittie*

Hewlett Wittie - February 04, 2009 at 07:16 PM

LE

“ Dear Ann, I want you to know that I am thinking about you and praying that you are o.k. We know that this life is not the final one, but only a blip in the eternity that we will all get to share together. I know that your heart is breaking and that you are going to miss Hugh. Please remember that you are very loved and cherished. I am praying for peace and comfort for you and Mike, Wanda, Matt and Marc. With love, Lin

Linda Essick - February 04, 2009 at 06:18 PM

GB

“ I had the pleasure of spending a fair amount of time with Hugh over the past nine years. I found three traits I liked most in Hugh. He was impatient, stubborn, and exasperating. Let me explain. Hugh was impatient with Christians who didn't accept responsibility or use their talents for God, so he stepped in and filled the breach, many times. Hugh was stubborn at times when, after praying, he became convinced of what God wanted done in a situation and stuck with the task until it was finished and finished well. Finally, Hugh was exasperating because his standards for himself were higher than the rest of us, and he worked harder at being a productive Christian than us younger men. At his age, he didn't have any more energy than we did, but it always looked that way because he simply had more drive. He led by example. Those around him are better for having his example of service to Savior and church. Small in stature, giant in faith and works.

Gene Blair - February 04, 2009 at 10:04 AM

RS

“ Dearest Anne and Granberry family. I was greatly saddened in reading in the paper about your family patriarch's death. I am saddened and have great sympathy for you and your family, but also rejoice with you as we celebrate together in Christian unity his return home to be with the Lord. There are many who will tell you of Hugh's great moral character and of the fine example he exhibited while serving the Lord graciously here on earth. I will stand with them. He was a wonderful man, as you know. I'm sure that you are pleased, but not surprised, to hear of his impact on our church and community. I was most impressed by his great commitment to the building project and watched from afar as he worked diligently to finish the project. I was so impressed with his knowledge! His faith and commitment to God's service was well expressed and recognized, and I'm sure it is rewarding in heaven. Thank you for sharing him with us as his brothers and sisters. My prayers are with you and you are greatly loved. (I'm so glad to know that he enjoyed Heart of Praise. It was a great thing!) Ramona Stewart

Ramona Stewart - February 04, 2009 at 09:09 AM

DJ

“ Dear Ann,
Keith, Tim, Grant, and I all are praying for you and your family at this time. I thought so much of Hugh; he reminded me so much of my father in the way he always tried to see that the church business was carried forth as God would have it be done. I especially admired his keen insight in the financial matters we dealt with when he and I were on the finance committee together. If he thought something needed attention, he said so in an honest, appropriate manner. My daddy was like that, too; and it endeared Hugh to me because of the similarity and because I respect anyone that honest! I, too, feel that you are a very special, kind lady--believe it or not, you have many of the characteristics my mother used to possess! Well, this is not about my family, but I told you these things to try to let you know how much I respect and admire both of you. Hugh is greatly missed, and you are loved a lot. If there is anything we can do, I would welcome the opportunity to step in as needed.
Love in Christ,
Debbie Johnson

Debbie Johnson - February 04, 2009 at 12:07 AM

SP

“ We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Granberry's family at the hospital. He must have been a great man to raise such a fine son. I am so sorry for your loss.

Susan Parker Pilgrim - February 03, 2009 at 08:18 PM

SB

“ *Mr. Granberry was the first person from UHBC to contact me following my initial visit to the church. A friendly phone call from him welcomed me to what would become my home church. He always greeted me with a smile, making me feel a part of the UHBC family.*

More than how he made me feel, I will always be grateful for the example he set for my son, Jeff. Because I have only known Mr. Granberry about 2 years, I cannot say a lot about him, except this: the man was an example for all young men to follow.

We can say we know he is no longer in pain, that he is with our Lord and Savior, but the human side at this time is that the family and friends will grive, selfishly, for we are not ready to say goodbye to such a wonderful man. May God give you peace at this time, knowing that one day we will arrive at heaven to see that Mr. Hugh was there busy helping Jesus make things ready for our arrival. I thank God that my family and I were privileged to have known Mr. Hugh Granberry.

Sara Bartee

Sara Bartee - February 03, 2009 at 12:14 PM

MH

“*Hugh will be missed greatly. It was an honor to have known Hugh before he went to be with our Lord. Hugh was special. He did so much and will be missed. He was there when you needed someone to talk with. A friendly face to see all the time at church and away from church. I recall that I introduced Hugh to one person away from church and upon finishing our visit, that person stated how impressed he was of Hugh's character and wonderful to talk with. That same person praised you at the same time saying he hopes that he could be like both of you as he grew older. I know I will miss him also. God has a special place in heaven for him. Many could follow his example in life. You are special also and we love you.*

Marvin Hyvl - February 02, 2009 at 08:22 PM

JD

“*Dear Ann, We are sadden to hear of Hugh's death. Hugh loves the LORD and we know Hugh is in the presence of our Savior. His pain is gone. We all look forward to that day. Hugh was so faithful to his church and his family. We will miss him. Love to you. Jim and Ramona Denson*

Jim and Ramona Denson - February 02, 2009 at 07:07 PM

CC

“ Dear Anne,

We are so saddened by Hugh's death but praise God that Hugh is whole again and with the Lord, no doubt helping to organize some heavenly project with great efficiency. It was an honor for Peter to work with Hugh for several years on the new building committee and Peter enjoyed the many computer- related conversations with Hugh over the years. Kate said last night that until she joined the youth at the 10:45 service, for 11 years she received a weekly pat on the shoulder from Hugh during the 8 a.m. service greeting. Hugh was so complimentary about the choir and about Heart of Praise and his words of encouragement meant a great deal. He will remain special to our family and he will be forever with us whenever we walk through church. We cannot imagine how difficult this is for you and the family and we want you to know how much we care and that we are lifting each of you up in prayer. May you feel God's sustaining presence now like at no other time.

in His love,

Carol, Peter, Claire & Kate

Carol and Peter Cooper - February 02, 2009 at 11:49 AM

JM

“ Anne and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.

Judy Miller - February 01, 2009 at 08:41 PM