



Preston J. Murphy

January 16, 1926 - June 10, 2009

Preston Jr. Murphy, of Huntsville, went home to be with the Lord on June 7, 2009. He was the 11th child born to Thomas Preston and Mary Etta Childs on January 16, 1926, in Panola County, Texas. Preston was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Willie, Elmo, Jeff, Rayford; and sisters, Wilma, Audry, Era, and Thelma. He is survived by his wife, the love of his life for 61 years, Billie Marie Peace of Huntsville. Also his son, Doug Murphy and wife Sandy of Keller, and daughter Becky Frezia and husband Wayne of Huntsville, three grand children, and 4 great grandsons. Preston served in the United States Navy in the Marshall Islands during W.W. II, serving there from 1944 to 1946. In August of 2007, he received his 50 year pin as a Master Mason from the Mt. Moriah Lodge #37 in Cold Springs. Preston and Billie moved from Houston to Oakhurst in 1975; soon after being employed by Huntsville Memorial Hospital, in the Maintenance Department. Billie opened a Beauty Salon and they joined the Calvary Baptist Church. Together, they helped to organize and establish the Oakhurst Volunteer Fire Department, where Preston served as Fire Chief for 13 years. December of 1996, Preston and Billie sold their home in Oakhurst, and purchased property and built another home in the Crabb Prairie area. Preston was well known for being a truly "neighborly" neighbor. He was always willing to lend an ear, a helping hand, and advise. Preston had the gift of being able to listen to and solve any mechanical problem friends and neighbors may have had. Another pastime he enjoyed was fishing ... especially "trot" - line fishing. Most of all, Preston loved

his family, and loved hosting annual family reunions, which continued for the past 40 years. Many "Fish Fries" were enjoyed during these gatherings. Preston will be buried at County Line Cemetery in Rusk County. He will be dearly missed and always treasured in the memories of family and friends. Services will be held Wednesday, June 10 at 2:00pm in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5-8:00pm on Tuesday, June 9. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association. Memorial condolences may be made online at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Preston J. Murphy*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Becky, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I know how much you loved him. My prayers and love. Judy*

Judy Egan - May 01, 2014 at 05:58 PM



“ *Becky so sorry to hear about your Dad, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Love always, Bev

Beverly Wells Wiggins - June 12, 2009 at 03:27 PM



“ *Dear Billie, What a pleasure it was for me to know Preston Murphy. First through my son, who considered Preston, Virgil and Jared the men he most admired. What a standard they sat for the younger employees. Then when I worked at HMH, anytime I had a problem with equipment, here they came, smiling, wonderful people. I thank God for letting me know this great man, and for the example he was to Jim. May God bless you. Jeanne Greer*

Jeanne Greer - June 10, 2009 at 11:48 AM

GM

“ Miss Billie, you were so blessed to have the love, support and friendship of such a wonderful man for so many years. Mr. Murphy was the most amazing neighbor and solved many mechanical problems for me. But mostly he was a mentor to my son Mason. Mason could spend countless hours just talking with Mr. Murphy - he will truly be missed. Although he will be missed, he leaves behind so many wonderful memories that we all will keep with us a life time. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers and may God keep you strong. We love you, Gina, Taylor and Mason Morrison

Gina Morrison - June 10, 2009 at 08:26 AM

EL

“ Dear Billie, Becky and Doug & Families
You all have a special place in my heart. We will definitely miss Preston. Thanks for a beautiful friendship. I will keep you in my prayers in the days ahead.
Love you, Ellie

ellie - June 09, 2009 at 07:41 PM

GF

“ What a great man. So many hours spent with him. I aspire to be like him, even today. I spoke of him often and will continue to for many years to come. Ms. Billie, it's been a while but my deepest regrets to you and the rest of the family, he was truly a wonderful man, and father figure. Love always, Gary, Diane, and Braden Lovett

Gary Lovett & Family - June 09, 2009 at 02:53 PM

MH

“ Dear Ms. Murphy,

That's what you'll always be to me since he was always "Murphy" to me. I was just thinking about him earlier today while I was fishing. We had so many great times at HMMH and at your home in Oakhurst. Im praying for you in your time of grief. I did not know he was a Master Mason (I am also).

Love always,

Rev. Michael Harrison

Michael Harrison - June 08, 2009 at 10:11 PM

RF

“ Dear Billie,Doug,and Becky,

It was always a pleasure to be with the family during all the years that we have known the Murphy"s. In recent years we never failed to go by when going in that direction. We will miss Jr. and the good times we shared in the past. If there is any thing I can do please let me know.

Charles and I expect to be there Wednesday.

Love always,

Robby & Leota

Robby Lasater Family - June 08, 2009 at 07:19 PM

VM

“ Becky,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and you family. Anything I can do for you all, just let us know.

Vivian & Danny Mimms

Vivian Mimms - June 08, 2009 at 06:30 PM