



Luke Wayne Countz

February 15, 1927 - January 10, 2007

Luke Wayne Countz, 79, died at his home Sunday, January 7, 2007. He was a native of Walker County. He was born to Luke and Katie Maud Ward Countz, in the Pine Prairie Community, February 15, 1927. Luke was a 40 year employee of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, retiring as a supervisor in 1986. He married Patsy Brewer in 1948 and they had three sons. Pasty predeceased him in 1991. In 1993, he married Gracie Yeager. Luke Wayne was active in the Telephone Pioneers Club and Westway Baptist Church. He drew the plans for the original Little League Park at Josey Field in Huntsville. He was Past Master of Madison Masonic Lodge No.126 in Orange, Texas, in 1962. He was also Past Master of Forrest Masonic Lodge No.19, Huntsville, Texas, in 1982, and served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 28th Masonic District in 1990. He served as secretary of Forrest Lodge No.19 for 20 years. He was a life member of Forrest Lodge No.19, and a Lodge Scholarship bears his name. He was also a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the York Rite Chapter and Council. He was a member of Huntsville Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 240. He served as Worthy Patron in 1995, 2001, and 2002. He was a member of the First Families of Texas, First Families of Walker County Texas, and the Walker County Genealogical Society. He served his Country in World War II as a Sgt. 1st Class in the U. S. Army. Luke Wayne is survived by his wife, Gracie Countz, of Huntsville, a sister, Joyce Gorzycki, of Bryan, Texas, three sons: Tommy Countz and wife Karen of Matagorda, Texas, Mike Countz and wife Patti, and Mark Countz and

wife Cherie all of Huntsville. Two grandsons: Stephen Countz and Corey Countz, both of Huntsville. Three granddaughters: Katy Ringo and husband Ryan, Casi Countz and Calli Countz, all of Huntsville. Three great grandchildren: Blaine Ringo, and Maci and Hunter Countz of Huntsville. He was predeceased by a sister, Locy Bradley, and a granddaughter, Stacy Countz, in 2002. He is also survived by three stepchildren: Linda Rutledge of Huntsville, Debbie Read of Conroe and Billy Read of Livingston. His step grandchildren: Ken Rutledge and wife Crystal, and their children, Savannah and Kenny, Jr., of Mariposa, California; and, Dyann Rutledge Smith and husband Trent and son Ethan of Huntsville. He is also survived by an extended family and many friends. Services for Luke Wayne Countz will be Wednesday, January 10, 2007, at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 P. M., with the Rev. Tommie Haley officiating. Masonic Rites will follow. He will be interred in Pine Prairie Cemetery. Casual dress is requested. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Forrest Masonic Lodge No.19, Luke Wayne Countz Scholarship – P. O. Box 1004 – Huntsville, Texas 77342-1004; or, Westway Baptist Church Building Fund – 12 FM 3179 – Huntsville, Texas 77340. Visitation with the family will be Tuesday evening, January 9, 2007, from 5:00 to 8:00 P. M. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park, Huntsville, Texas. The family expresses appreciation to Thee Hospice and Home Health Care of Huntsville and a special thanks to Deborah Williams. Memorial condolences may be left for the family at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Luke Wayne Countz*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *It saddened our hearts to hear of Mr. Countz' passing away. We enjoyed having him as a customer and want his family to know that we will miss him. Mike always loved talking to him while working on his a/c.*

*Sincerely,
Mike & Tammie Nokes
McGilberry Mechanical Heating & Cooling*

Mike & Tammie Nokes - March 01, 2007 at 08:11 AM



“ *PopPop, Nothing feels right at the farm without you there to sit in your chair and ask me why I am there again when I walk in the door. Ethan looks for you in your big chair and in your bedroom sitting at the computer, and outside when he sees your scooter. You brought great joy to our lives and you've always treated us like your kids. I will do my very best to make sure Ethan knows you as he grows up. We love you and miss you! Dyann and Ethan*

Dyann Rutledge - January 19, 2007 at 02:03 PM



“ *I am sorry I was unable to attend your father's services, but I enjoyed him as I enjoyed my own father. He was always friendly and kind and a good person. My thoughts and prayers are with you, the family, and just remember the good times.*

Mike O'Bannon - January 15, 2007 at 01:02 PM

MK

“ Dear Countz Family,
You dad will be greatly missed. I have many fond memories of him throughout the years. I will always remember his words of wisdom and strong and encouraging voice. He had a comforting hug that came from the heart. I felt his sincere love when I knew him and I will always remember him sitting in his recliner by the back door...tractor...hay baling... and Pat's fried chicken on my birthday.

Margo Keller-Chandler - January 13, 2007 at 08:46 PM

LR

“ Pop,I miss you very much!! the house is not the same without you sitting in your chair. mom seems very quiet.Thank you for allowing me to know you and love you. ethan misses you too! just looks for you all the time.I know you are now great!! you are with your family and our Lord. miss you i do. love you. linda

linda rutledge - January 11, 2007 at 10:35 PM

LE

“ My condolences to the family. My association with Luke and our work together in Forrest Lodge 19 will always be remembered.

Lonnie Eslick - January 10, 2007 at 07:25 PM

CC

“ Thank you for all of your support and prayers at this difficult time in my families’ life. My Paw Paw was a very special man to me, and many people. He impacted their lives in countless ways. I will never forget going out to the farm and seeing him reclined in his chair, smiling as our family opened Christmas presents, ate Thanksgiving dinner, and celebrated at family reunions. He is finally at home with my Maw Maw, and my cousin Stacy. There will come a time when I will join them and be in peace. Thanks again for everything, each one of you held a special place in my Paw Paw’s heart.

I Love You Paw Paw, and will miss you more than words can express!

Calli Marie

Calli Countz - January 10, 2007 at 11:34 AM

JA

“ *Mike, Mark Tommy & family:*
Sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. I heard my father say many times how he appreciated Mr. Countz giving my foster brother a chance and he "took off" with it. He was a good man and did a lot of good in his life.

Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Sincerely,
Johnny Amick

Johnny Amick - January 10, 2007 at 10:59 AM

VL

“ My prayers are with you all. I worked for Luke for a short while and appreciated all he did for me. Tommy, Mike and Mark, God bless you and your families.

Vic Landry

Vic Landry - January 10, 2007 at 10:42 AM

DT

“ Mike, Mark, Patti and Cherie. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Please remember that all of you and the rest of the Countz family will be in my thoughts and prayers. This is a very difficult time, however, remember all of the good times and things will soon get better. Please let me know if there is anything we can do. Dorothea

Dorothea Tarver - January 09, 2007 at 11:30 PM

TI

“ May God comfort the family at this time.

Tarrant B. Boyd II - January 09, 2007 at 07:57 PM

SO

“ State Counsel for Offenders wishes to express our sincere condolences. Our thoughts are with you during this most difficult time.

State Counsel for Offenders - January 09, 2007 at 03:56 PM

KF

“ Mr. Countz was one of my daddies. He teased me a lot, just like you did Mike. I felt a loss of family reading his obit in the paper. How proud you must be to call him dad. My love and condolences to each of you, Tommy, Mike, and Mark. Heaven has 2 "giant" men within the last 12 months. I like to think our daddies will meet and discuss all of us at length. Please know my prayers and thoughts are with you. I know how hard this is. Love to you all, Kay

Kay Nabors Fountain - January 09, 2007 at 02:10 PM

KP

“ It was with great sadness that I learned of Mr. Countz's death. Tommy reminded me of something that brought back some very pleasant memories of Mr. Countz and his family. One of which was sitting around the Countz breakfast table on numerous occasions trying to choke down his specialty lump gravy and biscuits. I never could really figure out if he was just always short on milk or if he made it that way on purpose to get our reaction. I also remember that if one of us ever got in trouble and were afraid to call our parents, whether we were stuck in the mud on a isolated county road at 2:30 in the morning with one of the cheerleaders or were failing a class at school, he was the one to get the call for help. He never failed to respond to our needs. Sometimes we wondered if we would have been better off calling our own parents because of the ribbing or scolding that was dished out. He was a great man and a mentor to many and will be sorely missed. Kraege

Kraege Polan - January 09, 2007 at 02:08 PM

KT

“ To the Countz family: Our two families have been intertwined for over 42 years now in one way or another. I know you will miss him as much as I miss my Dad, but know that he is in a better place now with no worries to hinder. I'm sure Daddy (Ray Thomson) will be showing him around and catching up on all the telephone news. Love to you all. Katrina

Katrina Thomson - January 09, 2007 at 01:37 PM

NJ

“ Mark, so sorry about your dad. Just remember all of the good memories that you have stored away. Norma Dell and Jerry D. Jones of Lovelady.

Norma Dell & Jerry D. Jones - January 09, 2007 at 01:27 PM

TS

“ It was a pleasure to have known Luke. I will always remember the many visits to the Countz residence, and the many times spent just chatting on the back porch with Luke. I take comfort in knowing that he will now be able to visit with my younger brother Kyle who left us 3 years ago this month.

We will all miss you Luke.

Love to all the Countz family...

Trent L. Smith

Trent L. Smith - January 08, 2007 at 09:15 AM