



## Oscar Slim Savage

March 4, 1930 - March 30, 2009

O.S. Slim Savage was born March 4, 1930 in New Willard, TX and died on March 27, 2009. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Hurlene Savage; son, Bill Savage and wife Debbie, their sons, Brandon Savage and wife, Heather and their children Taylor, Braden, and Haylie, and Cody Savage and wife, Abby, and their daughter, Gracie; son, Wes Savage and wife, Rhonda and their children, Kole and Chance; brother, R. B. Savage; numerous nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Rusty Davis. Slim retired from TDC with over 30 years of service. He was a member and Past President of the East Texas Peace Officers Association and he was an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville. Ranching filled Slim's retirement years. Between buying and selling cattle, keeping ranch equipment running and building another barn, he stayed busy. His other favorite pass time was spending time with his grandchildren. Graveside services will be 2:00pm on Monday, March 30, 2009 at the Savage Family Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 – 7:00pm on Sunday, March 29 at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Pallbearers are grandsons Brandon, Cody, Kole, Chance, Taylor and Braden. Honorary Pallbearers are Rusty Davis, Archie Maples, Jimmy Cook and Kenneth Langley. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterians Church, 1801 19th St, Huntsville, Texas 77340. Memorial condolences may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

TN

“ *rest in wealth*



Tiffany Chanel Gray Travel Nurse - November 03, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ *Oscar Slim Savage*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

JT

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



jt - January 27, 2017 at 01:35 AM

JG

“ *Mrs. Hurlene,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Slim. He was one of the finest men I ever knew. He taught me many things about work and life that I have carried through out the years. I enjoyed working under him as his Steward. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*James "Griff" Griffith*

james griffith - April 09, 2009 at 07:18 PM

BB

“ Dear Savage family, I am sorry for your loss. He was always friendly and fair to me. Your all in my familys prayers. Byron Bush

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**Byron Bush** - April 07, 2009 at 12:08 PM

BW

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss.

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**Bob, Mellicent, Bobby II, Heather, Heath & Justin Wiley** - March 31, 2009 at 09:44 PM

GH

“ Mrs. Savage, Bill, Debbie and family, I was saddened to hear about your loss. I know Warden Savage was fighting a hard battle with his health and that this has been very difficult for each of you. However; He would want you to remain strong and seek comfort from the Lord and continue to have the solid bond you have as a family. I lost my dad a few years before going to work for TDC. Warden Savage was one of my first wardens and was like a second father to me. He was always full of wise counsel. I have spoken to many others about my experiences on the Ellis and Diagnostic Units with Warden Savage. Everyone he worked with is in agreement when I say he was a role model, friend and best supervisor anyone could ever have. You were all very fortunate to have him in your lives and we will all miss him. Thanks for sharing him with us all. God Bless You.

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**gary hackler** - March 31, 2009 at 07:14 PM

JS

“ TO OUR GOOD FRIEND AND FAMILY ,SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS AND MAY GOD BE WITH ALL..

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**JOE/SHERRI SAAVEDRA** - March 31, 2009 at 06:28 PM

TB

“ Dear Mrs Savage:  
I just learned of your loss. I am so sorry that Slim is no longer with us. He will, however, always be with you.

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**Tom Blackard** - March 31, 2009 at 03:10 PM

AR

“ Bill Savage & Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at the time of the loss of your loved one. May god bless all your family and keep yopu strong.

Alex Rubio

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**ALex Rubio** - March 31, 2009 at 09:19 AM

DM

“ Dear Hurlene and the family of Slim Savage,

I am very sorry for your loss. This is also a loss for all of us in the TDC family who knew and worked with Slim. He always took time to talk and advise those with whom he worked. I remember as a new, young warden in TDC, Warden Savage welcomed me in and offered to help in any way he could. I never forgot that. At that time, there were only twelve TDC Wardens and 'Slim' was known throughout the system. I enjoyed my time at Ellis with him and saw his sense of humor as well as his sense of fair play. When he spoke, people listened. Thanks Hurlene for the time we all spent together at the TDC functions. Lots of fun memories with both of you.

God Bless you all, David Myers

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**David Myers** - March 30, 2009 at 11:39 PM

JB

“ Hurlene, Wes & Savage Family,  
I am so sorry for the loss of Slim. He was an extraordinary man and will always be remembered fondly by many. I remember meeting Slim when I was young and I would ride with my dad over to your house. And then getting to work with you through the years through the title company & WCAD. Your marriage is a testament to those of us families looking forward to spending our retirement years. The many, many people at the visitation were only a small tribute to what a fine person Slim was & how he lived his life! He is with the Lord now and finally at peace again. You & your family are in our thoughts & prayers. God Bless...  
Jamie & Don Brinegar

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**Jamie Ellisor Brinegar** - March 30, 2009 at 07:40 PM

MP

“ Bill and Family - Sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you.  
  
Miguel Pena

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**Miguel Pena** - March 30, 2009 at 07:39 PM

CO

“ Bill and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I'm sorry to hear about your loss.

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**Chris Oldham** - March 30, 2009 at 07:31 PM

GJ

“ Our prayers are with you. May God bless.

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**Glenn and Donna James** - March 30, 2009 at 07:27 PM

BA

“ *Savage Family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. Slim was a great man. We always looked forward to seeing him at the Annual ETPOA convention. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this time.*  
*Bobby & Stephine Adams*

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**Bobby & Stephine Adams** - March 30, 2009 at 04:44 PM

JY

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. He was a great man. You are in our prayers.*

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**James & Betty Young** - March 30, 2009 at 02:08 PM

BW

“ *Wes, we are praying for you and your family during yalls time of loss. I never got to meet your father but I know he raised a good man and I know he was very highly respected by everyone. I pray that yall find comfort in strength in the days ahead by knowing he is rejoicing in Heaven.*

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**Buddy & Liz Ward** - March 30, 2009 at 11:39 AM

TJ

“ *Bill and Family, I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I know that we are never prepared for the loss of a loved one especially of a child or one of our parents. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. It is the fellowship with friends and loved ones, and the grace of God that gets us through times such as this. May He be with you now!*

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**Tyrus Jeffers** - March 30, 2009 at 10:28 AM

TC

“ *Bill and Debbie,  
We are so sorry for your loss. I know that as children, we are never really ready to let go. Please remember the good times as they will always be with you.*

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**Tom and Kay Carson** - March 30, 2009 at 08:34 AM

TC

“ *Bill and Family,*

*I'm truly sorry for your loss. These things catch us off guard even when we know they're coming. There's just no way to prepare emotionally for the loss of a loved one or plan for the aftermath. There is however, The comfort of friends and family and time to make the most of that right now. Don't cheat yourself out of these precious moments. Remember all the good things, learn from everything and move forward a better person for having known a man of character.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you today.*

*Thomas Carter*

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**Thomas Carter** - March 30, 2009 at 08:01 AM

MC

“ *Bill and family - so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Marilee Coleman** - March 29, 2009 at 10:17 PM

JB

“ To the Savage Family,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Thank you for the years that you allow his TDC family to be a part of his and your life. He touched the lives of so many and I am grateful that I had the pleasure to know him.

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**John H. Barksdale** - March 29, 2009 at 09:11 PM

CC

“ Wes, Rhonda, Kole, Chance and Family. You are in our thoughts and prayers . Charles, Cynthia and Luke.

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**Charles & Cynthia Cook** - March 29, 2009 at 07:49 PM

RW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Mr Savage has a great man with a kind heart, he always had a encouraging word for any one that he talked to. May god be with you and your family during this time.

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**Robert & Patricia Welch** - March 29, 2009 at 05:24 PM

BM

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Slim on one occasion and was left with a very impressive impression of a gentleman, a father, a family man, and a husband. He will be missed by many, for sure. Leslie and I are here and you need merely ask if there is anything you need.

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**Bill & Leslie Michaelson** - March 29, 2009 at 02:02 PM

LC

“ I had the honor and privilege to serve under Slim Savage at the Ellis I Unit; as a young officer, he left a lasting impression on me personally, and was a role model for all of us who worked under him. He was all about his officers, and he never forgot where he came from. Rest in peace Big Warden.

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**Larry Don Cook** - March 29, 2009 at 10:52 AM

AD

“ Hurlene and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Slim was such an inspiration to me and my kids. Without him and his continual "push" for me to continue my education, I would not be where I am today. Slim was a great man, a great friend, and I am so fortunate to have worked with him and been his FRIEND! I will miss him terribly. I pray that God will carry you, Hurlene, through this very difficult time. Love you all!

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**Allison Dean** - March 29, 2009 at 10:30 AM

JK

“ I have had the opportunity to meet many great men in my life but I consider Slim one of the greatest. My many business dealings with him were conducted on a handshake which was better than a contract. In his prison career I saw him to be a kind, caring but strict leader. I only wish we had many more Slims in this country. God bless the family. Jack King Former manager Huntsville Funeral Home, Former Fire Chief of Huntsville Fire Department, and a friend of Slims.

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**Jack King** - March 29, 2009 at 08:13 AM

JR

“ Wes, just want you to now how much we love you.  
We are praying for you and all the family.  
What a "GREAT DAD" and Thank You for being such  
a wonderful son. Keep looking up..

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**Johnny & Dianne Rhone** - March 28, 2009 at 10:36 PM

GL

“ Savage Family, Please know our prayers are with each of you in  
this time of loss. Warden Savage had a profound impact on me as I  
started my TDC career at Ellis and will continue to stand tall in my  
memories.

*Glenn Lumpkins*

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**Glenn & Janet Lumpkins** - March 28, 2009 at 10:15 PM

JT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Savage Family at this time of  
loss. Slim Savage's influence will remain with all of us fortunate to  
have experienced his wit, focus and constant ability to teach  
everyone around him.

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**Jimmy Turner** - March 28, 2009 at 09:23 PM

BP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Warden Savage left a  
legacy with all of those who worked for him. He left a mark on all of  
us who truly knew what it meant to be a family in TDC and to do the  
right thing.

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**Beth and Terry Pelz** - March 28, 2009 at 08:30 PM

LG

“ *The Savage Family:*

*We {my family and yours and his many, many lifetime friends} will treasure all the pleasant memories Slim left us. I had the pleasure of working with Slim for a couple of years back in the 70's. He was not only my mentor, but also a family friend. He's been called a legend, an icon, and he was those things, but more than that he was a friend and a stand-up guy in a time when that mattered. While I worked with a lot of wardens during my career {14,}I never worked with a better man than Slim Savage. Please know that the Savage family and his many friends are in our hearts and in our prayers.*

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**Lon & Sylvia Glenn** - March 28, 2009 at 07:25 PM

DT

“ *Hurlene and family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We will all miss Slim so much. I remember how sweet he was with Rachel and Ruth when y'all were our neighbors and then in church. Our family really enjoyed having y'all as our neighbors and have always thought so much of you. Take care and let me know if there is anything I can help you with or if you need a shoulder to lean on.*  
*Dorothea*

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**Dorothea Tarver** - March 28, 2009 at 01:56 PM

DS

“ *Ms. Savage, Bill, Debbie, Wes, Rhonda and family,*

*Jan, Jared, Jordan and I want you to know that y'all are in our thoughts and we send our love and support to you during this enormous time of loss and grief. We lift y'all up in our prayers and have confidence that God will provide the perfect amount of peace and comfort to fill this void.*

*Warden Savage was a very special man to me and to many others he touched in his special way. I know his wisdom has served me well and will stay with me the remainder of my days.*

*David*

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**David and Jan Stacks** - March 28, 2009 at 01:40 PM

RF

“ *Another legend has been called home. My prayers and thoughts to the family. He will be missed by many.*

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**Ray Forrester** - March 28, 2009 at 01:06 PM

RS

“ *Our love and prayers are with you and your family in this time of loss.*

*May your hearts be filled with comfort and fond memories of the time that you shared together.*

*I will always have to best of memories of my days with Slim. I will miss him.*

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**Robert S. Shaw** - March 28, 2009 at 10:08 AM

NJ

“ *Savage Family, what a loss to you and all that knew Slim Savage. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Norma Dell and Jerry D. Jones, Binky and Debbie Monk, Bruce and Lawanna Monk of Lovelady.*

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**Norma Dell & Jerry D. Jones** - March 28, 2009 at 09:30 AM