



Rayford Gene Goodrum

November 28, 1931 - November 15, 2014

Rayford Gene Goodrum, one of the kindest men you could hope to meet and a long-time resident of Huntsville, passed away at his home on November 12, 2014 at 82 years of age. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Chester and Lela Goodrum of Huntsville, sister, Gladys Cole of Huntsville, and sister, Winnie Moore of Houston. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Augusta Goodrum, daughter, Rhonda Jensen, grandson, Justin Harding and wife, Lauren, granddaughter, Lindsey Harding and fiancé, Daniel Davidson, granddaughter, Lacy Harding, and great grandchildren, Tinley Harding and Brayden Davidson, all of Huntsville. He leaves behind a host of family and friends. Gene, as he was commonly known, was born November 28, 1931, in Weldon, Texas, and attended Huntsville High School, where he played football, before joining the U.S. Army in 1949. After fighting in the Korean War, he was honorably discharged in 1952 and returned to Huntsville, where he met his wife, Augusta, at a Christmas social at Calvary Baptist Church. Gene was selected twice as the local Beta Sigma Phi "Man of the Year." He always enjoyed helping others, working in variety of occupations. He drove a bus for Continental, owned multiple local service stations, managed the local Exxon bulk plant in the 1970's, and directed the Solid Waste Facility for the City of Huntsville until his retirement in 2000. In 1960, Gene began a legacy of service as an active Huntsville Volunteer Firefighter for 29 years. He was honored as Outstanding Fireman exactly fifty years ago on November 12, 1964, the same year he was elected Fire Chief. He also served in the Lion's

Club and other community organizations. In his off time, Gene enjoyed traveling, particularly to Las Vegas, and was a passionate John Wayne movie enthusiast. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, as well as a great listener and trusted friend to all who knew him. You will be dearly missed Papa! The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. A memorial service will begin at 11:00 AM following the visitation on Saturday, November 15, 2014 in the chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Memorial donations may be made to the Cancer Society or charity of your choice. Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rayford Gene Goodrum*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Gus, Rhonda and family,
I was saddened to hear of Gene's passing. I have such fond
childhood memories of him. I pray for peace for you all in the
coming months.
Love, Adrienne*

Adrienne Lambeth - November 20, 2014 at 06:12 PM



“ *Rhonda, my prayers are with you. Please know I'm just a phone call
away. I think of you often. Love you, friend.*

Barbara Lesikar - November 15, 2014 at 07:49 PM



“ *We are sorry for your loss. Our sincere sympathies go out to your
family during this time... May God continue to bless you all now and
in the future.*

Bridgette Neeley Clay & Family - November 14, 2014 at 09:05 PM



“ *Gus and Rhonda, so sorry to read about Gene. You are in my
thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. It is difficult to lose a
love one. My memories are from the early years in the fire
deparment. The department was so small, we were like family. If
there is anything I can do, please contact me.*

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - November 14, 2014 at 06:25 PM

JM

“ Condolences to the Goodrum family. I am sorry for the loss of your loved one. Some Bible scriptures that have helped me during times of loss include Isaiah 26:19 & Psalm 37:29 which state in part: "Your dead ones will live... They will rise up." And the Bible also says:"The righteous themselves will possess the earth, and they will reside forever upon it." Therefore the Bible promises that there will be a time when we may be reunited with our loved ones lost in death by means of a resurrection. This is further confirmed by John 5:28, 29 in which Jesus Christ says: "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear my voice and come out." This is possible thanks to Jesus Christ's ransom sacrifice. Thus, we have a genuine hope of everlasting life in a world without wickedness or suffering. I hope these scriptures will be of some comfort to you. For more encouraging thoughts on this subject, please visit www.jw.org

Janice Marsalis - November 14, 2014 at 04:34 PM

TL

“ My thoughts and sympathy to the family on your loss. My prayers for strength and peace from our Lord to help you all during this time.I have lots of memories of your dad .

Teresa Lawson - November 14, 2014 at 03:32 PM

MH

“ My thoughts and sympathy to the family on your loss. My prayers for strength and peace from our Lord to help you all during this time.

M. Hyvl - November 13, 2014 at 10:11 PM

TF

“ Rhonda, you, your mom and your children have my condolences in the loss of your father. He was a good man and I know you will miss him. He is finally with Louis. That has got to be a comfort. Much love to all of you.

Trudy Fuchs - November 13, 2014 at 08:31 PM

DF

“ Dear Rhonda,

I am so sorry to hear the loss of your father, may God be with you through these times of sorrow. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Dianne Fuller - November 13, 2014 at 07:13 PM

NJ

“ So very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. Norma Dell Jones of Lovelady, formerly of Huntsville.

Norma Dell Jones - November 13, 2014 at 04:19 PM

DP

“ Dear Friends, I am so sad to hear of Ray's passing. We had some great times at the ball field and the fairgrounds. May God wrap His loving arms around you and the entire family at this very sad time. May He give you the comfort and rest needed. Our prayers are with you. Love, Donna, Cody, Sara and Christina

Donna (Tyler) Paschall - November 12, 2014 at 07:55 PM