



## Dr. Roy G. Moss, Jr.

August 13, 1934 - January 22, 2010

Dr. Roy G. Moss, Jr. With his loving family by his side, Roy went peacefully into the arms of the Lord on January 19, 2010. Roy, 75 years of age, passed away at home on Tuesday night. He was born in Key West, Florida on August 13, 1934 to Roy and Roberta Moss. He leaves behind to cherish his memory: Ivy, his wife of 51 years; daughter Cynthia Barker and husband C.W. of Brenham; son Kirk Moss and his wife Brenda of Huntsville; grandchildren Katie Barker of Georgetown, Kristie Barker of Brenham and Garrett Moss of Huntsville; sister JoAnn Richardson; mother-in-law Ida Eddie Hicks; brothers-in-law Jerald Beene and wife Judy, Charles (Bo) Beene and wife Betty, Lyndel Beene and wife Linda, Mitchell Beene and wife Elaine, Ken Beene and wife Linda and numerous nieces and nephews. Roy was preceded in death by his parents, Roy G. Moss, Sr. and Roberta Sands Moss; his father-in-law Donald Hicks and his brother-in-law Dave Richardson. After graduating from Franklin High School, he served four years in the U.S. Navy as a Seabee. In 1958 he married Ivy Beene in Bryan, Texas. Roy received his B.B.A. from Sam Houston State University before completing his master's in education from the same school and was awarded his Ed.D. in education with an emphasis in Traffic Safety by Texas A&M University. He spent over 43 years with Sam Houston State University in a variety of capacities, retiring in 1999 as a Professor of Health and Kinesiology. He was a past president of the Texas Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association, a recipient of the SHSU Excellence in Research award and a life-time member of the Walker County

Fair Association. He served as an administrator and curriculum developer for many drug and alcohol education-oriented programs. Roy was a deacon at First Baptist Church and taught the seventh grade boy's Sunday School class for over twenty-five years as well as the Brotherhood/Fellowship men's Sunday School class in recent years. Roy was an avid outdoorsman enjoying hunting and fishing and spent many hours at his farm outside of Huntsville. The SHSU motto, "The measure of a Life is its Service," was also his motto - he loved helping others. Roy was a loving husband, father and Paw Paw to his grandchildren. We will miss him so much and will remember him with love in our heart. Serving as pallbearers are Lynn Beene, Jim Burnett, John Burton, George Leteff, Robert McCann, David Richardson, Bob Slays, Larry Sikes and Sonny Sikes. Serving as honorary pallbearers are Justin Brock, Rusty Davis, Tom Freeman, Turner O'Banion, Otis Oliphant, Doug Pruett, Henry Youngblood and deacons of First Baptist Church. Service will be held Friday, January 22, 2010, 10:00 AM at First Baptist Church in Huntsville with Rev. Carrol Williams officiating. Burial will follow at 3:00 PM in Wheelock Cemetery in Wheelock, Texas. Family will receive friends Thursday, January 21, 2010, 5:30 – 7:30 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Memorials may be made to The Roy Moss Jr. Health Education Endowment, SHSU – University Advancement, Box 2537, Huntsville, TX 77341-2537. The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff of Thee Hospice for their heartfelt care, compassion, friendship and love during this difficult time. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Roy G. Moss, Jr.*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I remember Dr. Moss in many different ways. I look back now and laugh about the times he would get ready to teach us our Sunday School lesson and he would have mud on his pants from him climbing out of the deer stand early on Sunday morning before church. He would always laugh and joke with his students and always made anything he was teaching enjoyable. I was fortunate enough to have Dr. Moss teach me later in life in College. I needed one more elective class to graduate and when I saw who was teaching the class, I immediately signed up. He was quite a comedian especially when he paired up with Van Brock. Even when the two of them weren't together, the other one would tell stories on the one who wasn't there, we would all laugh hysterically at the stories. I guess now as I travel down FM 980 to my dad's house, that old chain will forever remain draped from one side to the other. We will all miss you Dr. Moss.*

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**Nate Fountain** - February 07, 2010 at 01:20 PM

PP

“ Ivy and Family,

*I was saddened to hear of Roy's passing. As a student at SHSU in the mid'60s, I had the pleasure of working with Roy on several occasions. He was an educator, teacher, and friend. He was conscientious about assuring the welfare of others and providing opportunities to work at the University and attend class. Marian and I have often talked about our great experiences while at Sam. Roy's name is always a memorable part of those conversations.*

*I shall never forget the first Bearkat that was painted on the basketball court of the men's gym in 1965. Between Roy and all of his student assistants, we found a way to suspend ourselves over the painting and complete the job in a single weekend. Then we re-finished the gym floor. Those were great days of learning, laughing, and becoming contributing young men.*

*Best regards to Mitchell and Ken; they too worked on that Bearkat and were some of my gym roommates.*

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**Paul & Marian Pearce** - January 25, 2010 at 03:45 PM

SH

“ Cynthia,

*I know you will miss your dad terribly, but you have many great memories that will carry you through this difficult time. He was a wonderful man. None of us would be driving today if it were not for Roy Moss. Take care and God bless.*

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**Susan Gilmore Hopper** - January 25, 2010 at 01:45 PM

BK

“ Please know that Paul and I are so sad about this news. Dr. Moss was the real deal. From what I know of how he led his life he was an example of goodness and godliness to many people.

Our hearts are saddened knowing the ache you feel. You are not alone. Prayers go out to you, from our family.

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**Babs Kruse** - January 24, 2010 at 03:09 PM

SM

“ Extending my condolences to the Moss Family. My mom told me she attended a very meaningful funeral service in your dad's honor. Dr. Moss was fun to be around as both my 7th Grade Sunday School teacher and Drivers Ed. Instructor. As a kid, he was man you could learn from; He was respected and enjoyable. Everyone knew that Kirk and Cynthia had a "cool" dad.

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**Scott Moseley** - January 23, 2010 at 11:55 PM

DH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family in this time of great sorrow. What more can we ask than to know that our loved one is with our Lord?

May you embrace His peace.

Diana Hodde, Brenham, TX

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**Diana Hodde** - January 23, 2010 at 11:11 AM

FW

“ Dear Ivy and family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss and that we did not know until it was too late to attend the service. Ivy, you and Roy were very special to us. I know Christmas ornament exchanges are never going to be the same! God bless!

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**Freddy and Sherry Walters** - January 22, 2010 at 07:44 PM

BL

“ Dear Ivy, Kirk and Brenda,

*My heartfelt condolences go out to each of you and your other family members. You lost a wonderful husband, father, and father-in-law; I and many others lost a truly great friend; and Huntsville and Sam Houston State University have lost one of the most memorable characters in their combined histories. Everyone that knew Roy has at least one Roy Moss story. He was one-of-a-kind and loved by all that knew him. Great sadness comes over me when I realize I will no longer enjoy the company of the man that never knew a stranger and one that would go to the ends of the earth for and with his friends. While Roy may be in a better place, our lives will never be the same without him. God bless.*

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**Bobby Lane** - January 22, 2010 at 07:05 PM

KF

“ *I can't express well enough how much I am feeling for your special family. You all are very much a part of my memories of growing up. Roy taught me drivers' ed a looonngg time ago, and Ivy, you have always been one of my favorite people, such a true lady. Kirk and Cynthia, how blessed you have been to have the parents you have. I know you realize that, but sometimes it is nice to know that others understand just what special people they are. You all are in my prayers and know that you feel the peace of knowing where Roy is and that it is only a matter of time before you see him again in a glorious celebration. Love to you all. Kay Fountain*

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**Kay Fountain** - January 22, 2010 at 01:01 PM

AM

“ *My prayers go out to the entire Moss family. I was a student of Dr. Moss' many years ago at SHSU and then became one of his colleagues as he taught me the Alcohol education curriculum which I went on to instruct in Washington county for 12 years during the '90,s. Dr. Moss was a joy to all whoever had the privilege of studying under and with him. May the Lord be with you all and may you be comforted in the assurance of the resurrection.*

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**Allan Moses** - January 22, 2010 at 10:41 AM

JE

“ *I'm thinking about you all today, Ivy and so very sorry to read this news. There are no words ENOUGH to express the many many thoughts we have right now. Sonny has been an enormous influence upon so many. We will remember his laughter. Please know that you are in our prayers.*  
*Fred and Judy Elliott*

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**Judy Elliott** - January 22, 2010 at 10:20 AM

T1

“ *To express our deep sympathy to you on your loss. We thank Dr.Moss for serving our country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. Because of Dr. Roy & other young men & women we have our freedom in this great country. Thank you for your many contributions to the field of education. May God's Speed Be With You Sailor.*  
*cjo*

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**The American Legion, Earl Graham Post 159** - January 21, 2010 at 09:16 PM

BB

“ *We are sorry to hear about Dr. Moss. You are all in prayers.*

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**Brent and Dawn Bratton** - January 21, 2010 at 07:51 PM

FR

“ Kirk, Brenda and Garret. Our sincere condolences on the loss of Dr. Moss. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Fred Rangel - January 21, 2010 at 07:30 PM

BP

“ Ivy and family, I was saddened to hear of my friend Roy passing away. We were best of friends and shared many good times together along with Dr. Dennis. I will keep your family and Roy in my prayers. Your friend in Waco, Bob Plsek.

Bob Plsek - January 21, 2010 at 07:29 PM

SJ

“ Ivy Lee, I am so sorry to hear of Roy's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Sue Wren Jones - January 21, 2010 at 06:41 PM

LH

“ Ivy and Family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Dr. Moss was such an inspiration to so many. I know he turned so many folks down the right path, who may not have otherwise had a good life. We will be praying for you during this difficult time.

Lane and Sharese Hurst - January 21, 2010 at 03:30 PM

D1

“ My condolences go out to the entire Roy Moss family. He was a true icon at Sam Houston State University. I don't know if he has been named a Distinguished Alumnus, but if not, he should be.

Dave Smith, Class of 1965 - January 21, 2010 at 02:25 PM

BN

“ Ivy and family, So sorry to hear of Roy's passing. He was an exceptional man, always happy and willing to assist anyone. You both are very special individuals in my book. May God give you the needed strength in your time of sorrow.

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**Beverly Conner Niederhofer** - January 21, 2010 at 01:30 PM

JA

“ Roy was a great guy but he shoudn't be given all the credit! Behind every great man is a great woman. My mom & dad loved both Ivy and Roy and I have heard my mom say that Ivy made Roy into what he was.

*I used to enjoy the defensive driving class that Roy taught and I liked it so much that I think I took it a total of about six times. I guess I was a slow learner and I couldn't stay out of trouble! Roy used to kid me and tell me that he was going to recommend me to teach the class when he retired!*

*The entire Moss family is in our thoughts and prayers during this time. Roy brought a smile to everyones face we need to keep up his legacy and keep smiling!*

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**Johnny, Lynnette & Kelli Amick** - January 21, 2010 at 12:17 PM

PJ

“ Cynthia and family: Our prayers go out to you and your family. I know you all will miss him because he was so involved in all family activities. May God give you the peace that no one else can.

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**Pauline & Alton Jacobs** - January 21, 2010 at 12:11 PM

VF

“ To all the Moss family,

*I have no words to express my deep sorrow for your family on the passing of Dr. Moss. I considered Roy one of my best friends and mentors while I was a member of the HSK department. He was a great man, always willing to help me in any way. Since leaving Texas in 2003, Roy and I always made it a point to spend a summer day in good fellowship either out at the farm or fishing with his grandson at Dr. Martins place. I will cherish those day forever. I am proud to say that I will always carry a little of Roy Moss in me and it is my prayer that I can pass that part of me on to my children. God's love and mercy be with each of you in this hour of need. Know that you are surrounded in prayer by those who love you and cherished Roy. God Bless*

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**Vance Pickard and Family** - January 21, 2010 at 11:46 AM

GP

“ *Ivy and family: I am so sorry to hear of Roy's passing. He was a great man, teacher, researcher and friend to so many of us. He was always willing to share his time and his talent with all of us. I will surely miss him and his laughter in classes and training. May God bless you in this time of sorrow and give you strength to carry on.*

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**George Pryor** - January 21, 2010 at 11:09 AM

JF

“ To the family of Coach Moss:

*In the late '60's and early '70's, I was honored to have Coach as my driver education instructor while working on my certification in that field. What a teacher and role model. I learned much from him that I used in my years of teaching in the Brenham, Nederland, and Waller school districts. I once purchased an old '63 Chevrolet truck from him that I wish I still owned. (I think he called that truck "ol' Blue.")*

*I am certainly sorry for your loss of such a fine man.*

*Jerry Faigle  
Waller, TX*

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**Jerry Faigle** - January 21, 2010 at 10:55 AM

MF

“ *Ivy and Family, I'm so sorry to read of your loss. I will always remember Roy as such a fun enjoyable person. I will certainly keep you all in my prayers. Marilyn Franer, Bryan, TX*

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**Marilyn Franer** - January 21, 2010 at 09:58 AM

SF

“ *Ivy and family, I am so sorry to hear about Roy. I know you will miss him terribly. Roy was such a wonderful man and such a good role model. I know Matthew and Nathan have wonderful memories of Roy and his Sunday School stories. Please know you are in my prayers.*

*Susan*

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**Susan Smith Fulton** - January 21, 2010 at 09:40 AM

PM

“ Kirk, I am so sorry to hear of your loss.

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**Philip W. Morris** - January 21, 2010 at 08:49 AM

TD

“ Kirk and Brenda, your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Travis and Shannon Deveney** - January 21, 2010 at 08:37 AM

BW

“ Dear Moss Family,  
We were saddened to hear about the loss of our "Beloved Tailgate Chef". We are so lucky to have all the wonderful memories of your husband, father and grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Love,  
Brent, Roxanne and Brennan Williams  
Decatur

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**Brent Williams** - January 21, 2010 at 08:31 AM

SF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Trust in the lord and each other during this time and remember all of the wonderful things about Mr. Moss. May the lord wrap his arms around you all and give you all the love, understanding, and support you need in the days ahead.

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**Sara Williams & Family** - January 20, 2010 at 08:55 PM

MK

“ Ivy and the entire Moss family, we lost a good man today. Just remember he is in a better place. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all through this difficult time.

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**Milton and Peggy Kroesche** - January 20, 2010 at 06:38 PM

GW

“ Ivy, Janice I send our condolences. We have truly lost a good friend. You and your family are in our prayers. We will not be able to attend the funeral as I am having surgery that same day. God bless you.

*Gene Wilkins*

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**Gene Wilkins** - January 20, 2010 at 04:29 PM

JG

“ Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. Peace, Prayers and Blessing to your family from ours.

*Jeff and Laura Geyer  
Mickey and Judy Geyer  
Linda Geyer and Lou Thomas*

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**Jeff Geyer** - January 20, 2010 at 03:41 PM

LJ

“ Dr. Moss has been a life-long friend. While we will miss him terribly, I cannot help but remember him as a man of integrity, a spiritual leader and as the teacher and friend most likely to help you laugh at yourself! My prayers are with you for the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

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**Lorri Vickers Jones** - January 20, 2010 at 02:43 PM

MH

“ Ivy and family, I am so sorry about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Martha Snodgrass Hutchinson - January 20, 2010 at 02:31 PM

GS

“ We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Although I did not know Mr. Moss very well, I know that his family has the strength and the faith to carry on through this very difficult time and that your strength and faith is a direct result of his life which you can all be proud of and thankful for.

Gary and Benita Schramme - January 20, 2010 at 01:47 PM

BW

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss.

Bob, Mellicent, Bobby II, Heather, Heath & Justin Wiley - January 20, 2010 at 12:15 PM

DH

“ Kirk and Cynthia: Sorry to hear about the passing of your father. He was a good man. Always supportive at SHSU and church.

David Henderson - January 20, 2010 at 11:53 AM

MJ

“ Kirk and Family-  
I am thinking of you and praying for the entire family during this time. May God's peace be upon you during this difficult time.

Monica Jackson - January 20, 2010 at 11:31 AM

SB

“ Kirk & family,  
*I am so sorry for your loss. Time and sweet memories will heal your heart. May God bless all of you.*

*Sandy*

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**Sandy Blasing** - January 20, 2010 at 11:25 AM

JD

“ Dear Ivy, Cynthia, Kirk, CW, Brenda, Katie, Kristie & Garrett,

*I have had you all in my prayers. I did not know what I wanted to say and I was reading some of the condolences. One really reminded me of Roy Moss. They said he had such a zest of life and cared so much about everyone.. and he did. I always would tell Cynthia how lucky she was to still have her folks here on this earth and so involved in all of their lives. Roy and Ivy did not miss many activities that the 3 grandchildren were in. What wonderful memories. He was so unique and wonderful that God just needed his help. He is probably in heaven right now organizing something and he was always helping others. He is now your guardian angel watching over each of you. May the peace of the Lord be with you all.*

*The Dismukes Family,  
Poncho, Julie and Cole  
Chad & Amanda*

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**Julie Dismukes** - January 20, 2010 at 11:18 AM

TA

“ Ivy, Kirk, Cynthia and Families  
On behalf of driver educators across the state: We truly lost a great supporter and friend of driver education. He contributed so much to driver safety in Texas. We have contacted as many old friends as possible to let them know of your loss. Roy was truly a unique person with a zest and love for life. We want to offer our sincere condolences to all of you.

*TDTSEA Board of Directors and Membership*

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**Texas Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association** - January 20, 2010 at 10:45 AM

EE

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God grant you the peace that passes understanding and may His grace fill your hearts with the wonderful memories and assurance of love you have shared for so many years.

*Ed and Lee Ann Ehring*

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**Ed & Lee Ann Ehring** - January 20, 2010 at 10:36 AM

JM

“ Ivy and Family, We are so sorry to learn of Roy's passing. Roy was one of the most generous persons we have ever known. We so appreciated the support he always gave to his friends, church, and SHSU. Your visits to the hospital and taking care of our yard while Jimmy was ill are just examples of that generosity. There could never be a greater friend than Roy.

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**Joyce & Jimmy Merchant** - January 20, 2010 at 10:33 AM

MD

“ Cynthia, I know this is such a difficult time for you all and sincerely want you to know that we are all here praying for you and your family and asking God to give you the peace no one else can.

Marsha Dannhaus  
Brenham, Texas

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**Marsha Dannhaus** - January 20, 2010 at 10:30 AM

NJ

“ Ivy and Family, what a loss to all who knew this fine man! I know that he will be missed so very much. I am so very glad that you two crossed my path while I was at Sam Houston. How often I think of all of you! You both enriched my life. My prayers are with you.  
Norma Dell Jones of Lovelady.

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**Norma Dell Jones** - January 20, 2010 at 10:05 AM

DH

“ Ivy & Family,  
Words are so inadequate at a time of loss such as this. Just know that we love you and we loved Roy and that now he is in no pain because he is with the Lord. We'll be praying for you and the family during these difficult days ahead. I don't have to tell you that Roy was loved by many people from all walks of life so you will have lots of support from us all.

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**Donna Haney** - January 20, 2010 at 09:41 AM