



Rudolf Widner

August 17, 1927 - July 16, 2010

Rudolf H. Widner Rudolf H. Widner was born on August 17, 1927 in Buckholt, Texas to Henry Julius Widner and Mary Katherine (Snasel) Russell. He passed away on July 14, 2010 in Huntsville, Texas at age 82. He is preceded in death by parents, brothers William (Bill) Widner and James Daniel (Sonny) Russell. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Annie Ruth (Ellisor) Widner; daughter Patricia Widner Otteson; son Rudolf (Buddy) Widner, Jr. and wife Micheal; granddaughters, Trisha Grisham McCaffety and husband Jason, Tiffany Rae Grisham, Shellee Widner Adkins, Stephenie Widner Marti and husband Mike, Sandee Widner Harding and husband Sean; great-grandchildren Ashley and Austin McCaffety, Shelbee Adkins, Maysie Marti, Colten Harding; brothers Martin Widner, Emil V.A. Widner and wife Charlete; sisters Ruth Marie Fain and Annie Mae Wallace and husband Aubra and numerous other relatives. Rudolf owned and operated Widner's Wrecker Service for 42 years. Rudolf was a member for 31 years in the Huntsville Elks Lodge BPOE 1981, serving as a trustee and recently voted as a lifetime member. He loved participating in BBQ cook offs, playing dominoes, gambling, race car driving and in later years watching stock cars racing. He was always with a cigar in his mouth. He loved most of all, the time spent with his granddaughters and great-grandchildren. Funeral Services for Rudolf will be Friday, July 16, 2010, 3:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas with Rev. Reagan Cooksey officiating. Interment will follow at Brooke Cemetery in Huntsville. Family will receive friends Thursday, July

15, 2010, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in
Huntsville. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may
do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Rudolf Widner*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *DEAR GRANDDADDY,
WELL OUR BIRTHDAY HAS PAST AND NOW THERE WILL BE
NO MORE.I HAVE NEVER HAD A BIRTHDAY WITHOUT YOU
ALWAYS TOGETHER. HOPE YOU LIKE THE FLOWERS WE
PUT ON YOUR GRAVE. I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU
HAD TO GO. BIRTHDAY'S WILL NEVER BE THE SAME
WITHOUT YOU HERE WITH ME. SO MANY WONDERFUL
MEMORIES.YOU ARE TRULY MISSED.IT'S SO HARD TO WALK
INTO THE ELKS LODGE AND NOT SEEING YOU PLAYING THE
GAMES SITTING IN THAT SAME CHAIR.WE ALL MISS YOU
VERY MUCH. GRANNY,MOM, TIFFANY,ASHLEY ,AUSTIN AND
RACING JASON ARE ALL DOING GOOD.WE MISS YOU. WE ALL
WILL SEE YOU SOME DAY.BE SURE TO LOOK AFTER US.
I LOVE YOU
TRISHA MCCAFFETY*

trisha mcaffety - August 25, 2010 at 09:42 AM



“ *To my family: I will miss seeing Rudolph. Like Daddy, he will be
missed by many. Just think tho, he's not sick or hurting anymore
and he's at peace. Just remember all the happy times and God will
see you through the hard times. Love to all of you and if you need
me or the family, please just call. May God bless and take care of
you all.*

Katrina Thomson - July 27, 2010 at 10:41 AM

FR

“ Ms.Otteson and Buddy, I am sorry for your loss I remember lots of times where Mr. Widner was there for the Koehl family. My first personal experience was the first time I got to drive Daddy's truck by myself c.1966 I ran off in the bar-ditch and got stuck going to the dump out at Pine Prairie. The man that ran me off the road hooked a chain to the bumper and pulled it off. Mr. Widner came pulled me out and put the bumper back on. Never took his cigar out of his mouth, made sure I got home alright, he was a take charge kind of person who always knew what to do at those awful wrecks. Rudolf will really be missed, my heart goes out to you in this time of grieving. Freddy and Pam

freddykoehl - July 25, 2010 at 10:08 AM

MH

“ My prayers go out to the family of my friend Ruldolf. I was blessed having known Ruldolf and I thank my Lord for him. I know he was a blessing for the family. My prayers for comfort and understanding go to the family.

M. Hyvl - July 18, 2010 at 07:27 PM

RC

“ Buddy, I am sorry I cannot be there physically today to show my respects to your Dad. (I have to go to Houston for son's appointments). You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers during these times. If there is anything I can do, please let me know.

Ronnie Cannon - July 16, 2010 at 06:35 PM

BC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Bobbie Coburn

Bobbie Coburn - July 16, 2010 at 01:56 PM

DB

“ *Annie Ruth, Sissy & Buddy,
Truly we have lost a great man, he was Daddy's side kick for many years before he passed himself. I just found out this morning & have to work so I'm truly sorry we could not make the service but wanted you all to know I'm praying for your family and lifting your hurts, pains & sorrows to God. I wish so badly I could've of been there last night for you guy's. Sissy I'll catch you at the shop and will get my Mom over to see you all, she's had back surgery & problesm and cant drive right now or she would've been there too. I pray God will comfort you and put his loving arms around you and hold you tightly. Our families have been connected for many many years. He will truly be missed.*
Darla Wood Brandt & family

Darla Wood Brandt - July 16, 2010 at 01:42 PM

SH

“ *May God comfort you in these times we grieve for the loss here on earth. Rest assured tho the Celebration for the homecoming, and one day being reunited forevermore.*

Sheptock's - July 16, 2010 at 11:39 AM

MH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Martha Snodgrass Hutchinson*

Martha Snodgrass Hutchinson - July 16, 2010 at 08:04 AM

EC

“ Dear Annie Ruth,Buddy,Sissy and family,
Our thoughts and our prayers are with you at this most difficult time.
Rudolf was truly one of those people who left this world better than
he found it.He would give a total stranger his last dollar.We could
not begin to count the times that he would lend us a helping hand in
our lives.He will be missed forever but his warm memory will never
fade.

Love,
Elmer and Joyce

Elmer & Joyce Corcoran - July 15, 2010 at 12:41 PM

DS

“ May he rest in peace. So sorry for your loss. I will miss seeing his
friendly smiling face at the Lodge.He will be missed.

Donald & Lydia Martinez Schraeder - July 15, 2010 at 12:36 PM

TM

“ Dear Granddaddy,
Just wanted you to know how much you are missed. All the years and all the memories we have shared together even ones I don't remember when I was just a baby. Like you loading me up in the wrecker and going on calls just because you wanted to spend time with me. Taking me to the little store down the road, taking me to eat chips and cheese dip down the road fr your house. And I remember getting the sub bus driver to drop me off at your house because that's where it seemed like I lived. And now you have shared so many memories with Ashley that she will always have. I'm so grateful for that. And for Austin will will always let him know that he had a wonder Great Grandfater that loved them sooo much. They will never forget you!!!! But just for now we will say good bye. But I will see you some day "way up there" as Ashley says. We all love you so very much
love,
Jason, Trisha, Ashley and Austin Mccaffety

Trisha Mccaffety - July 15, 2010 at 11:16 AM

CB

“ Patricia, My prayers are with you and your families, I know you all will miss Rudolf terribly.

Carolyn Goodrow Baker - July 15, 2010 at 11:09 AM

LG

“ With our deepest condolences. Rudolf was a very good man who will be greatly missed. He did so much for our family, and will always have a place in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The Larry Grisham Family

Larry & Martha Grisham - July 15, 2010 at 10:10 AM

BS

“ Annie Ruth, My prayers are with you. I know GOD will keep his arms around you through this sorrowful time

Barbara Shelly - July 14, 2010 at 10:25 PM

PR

“ Annie Ruth and kids, we are so sorry for your loss. We pray blessings over you and pray all your needs will be met. We will be praying for you. Peggy & Randy

Peggy & Randy Reynolds - July 14, 2010 at 09:17 PM

BN

“ Annie Ruth and family, you all will be in my prayers. You know he and Daddy had a special bond between them. Maybe those cigars show us something. He was a special individual. Mother nor I will be able to attend visitation or the funeral, but you will be in our thoughts.

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - July 14, 2010 at 06:10 PM

RK

“ Annie Ruth and Buddy, I am so sorry to hear about uncle Rudolf. He was always so kind to me and we had so much fun at the cookoffs. My prayers go out to you during this time of loss of a very special man. (yeah, I know I'm not really family, but should have been) Wish I could be with you all on Friday. May God give you comfort at this difficult time.

Rhonda Jenkins Kilburn - July 14, 2010 at 06:03 PM

JC

“ Dear Annie Ruth, Buddy and Sissy, I so sorry to hear about Uncle Rudolph passing. I know he's no longer in any pain and will be waiting to reunite with all of his family in a better place. I'm sorry we will not be in town to attend his funeral, but know that we love all of you and our prayers are with you. Love always, John & Ginny

John & Virginia Cooper - July 14, 2010 at 05:38 PM

BW

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss.

Bob, Mellicent, Bobby II, Heather & Jason, Heath, Justin & Joanna Wiley - July 14, 2010 at 05:24 PM

JB

“ To "Nainey", Buddy, Sissy and family,
I am so sorry for your loss of Uncle Rudolf. He was always a special man that the kids of our large family always congregated to. He loved messing with us and we loved for him to mess with us! He was definitely one of a kind! I know that he had been sick for a long time but know that he is now pain free and with our Lord. His presence on this earth will be dearly missed but we have soooo many wonderful memories of Uncle Rudolf to draw upon. Please don't hesitate to call upon my family if we can help out in any way in the days ahead. God bless...
Jamie Sue and Don Brinegar

Jamie & Don Brinegar - July 14, 2010 at 12:11 PM