



S.B. Bailey

July 10, 1919 - June 30, 2010

S.B. Bailey S.B. Bailey was born July 10, 1919 in Cottonwood, Texas just outside of Madisonville to I.W. Bailey and Melissa Stanley Bailey of Madisonville. He went home to be with the Lord on June 27, 2010, at the age of 90. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 45 years, Jean M. Bailey; his son, Roger Dale Bailey; three brothers, Arden Bailey, Emmitt Bailey, and Web Bailey; and two sisters, Hazel Madole and Wanda Pence. Those left to cherish his memory are sister, Lucy Kelly of Spring; daughter, Lori McMillian and husband Tom of Huntsville; grandson, Ryan Ringo and wife Katy of Huntsville; granddaughter, Tamra De la Torre and husband Miguel of Conroe; great grandsons, Blaine Ringo and Noah De la Torre; and great granddaughter, Presley Ringo; and numerous nieces and nephews. The past ten years he found companionship and adventure with his special friend Elfrieda Guthrie of Huntsville. S.B. began his career as a school teacher in West Texas before joining the United States Air Force where he proudly served his country for 20 years. Major S.B. Bailey was a navigator on a B-29 bomber and he was a crew member of "Forever Amber" that was stationed at Marianna Islands in the Pacific. S.B. served in World War II and he was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for establishing a Wing Management engineering program and manpower actions relating to the reorganization and physical relocation of MATS units at Tachikawa AFB in Japan. After retiring from the Air Force, S.B. returned to the education field where he was an Ag teacher and Principal for Richards ISD from which he

later retired. After the death of his wife, S.B. found a passion for flying single engine airplanes. He has made record books for being the oldest man in the United States to fly solo in an aircraft. He loved gardening, writing, active living, and his family. His family would like to give special thanks to Rene and James Murray of Huntsville. Rene operates an in home care facility where S.B. spent his final six months. Rene and James cared for him like he was a member of their own family, and for that, the family is eternally grateful. The family also appreciates Thee Hospice for their care of S.B. over the past several months. Services will be held Wednesday, June 30, 2010, at 10 a.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations be made to the HEARTS Veteran Museum of Texas. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *S.B. Bailey*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Lori, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I was on vacation during this time. My prayers are with you and the family.*

Debby Mikulin - August 06, 2010 at 04:49 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about S.B.'s passing. I hate that I was unable to attend his funeral and extend my sympathies in person.*

Paula (Madole) Carpenter and family - July 02, 2010 at 02:20 PM



“ *Mr. Bailey had a heart of gold and told stories full of wonderful, rich experiences. Besides teaching Ag at Richards ISD, he taught history and geography classes which I fondly remember. May love be your families comfort during this difficult time.*

Shirley B. Cook - July 01, 2010 at 04:08 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about your loss, I know my dad Boyd Bailey thought well of S.B. Know that we are praying for all of you. Thoughts and prayer with all of you.*

Laura Bailey - July 01, 2010 at 02:49 PM

RT

“ A man I truly admired. Was there when he was licensed to fly solo. Was truly privileged to have known him. Condolences to his Family and friends . . .

R Taylor - June 30, 2010 at 11:51 PM

RL

“ Ryan (& family),
I know how special your grandfather was to you. I am sorry to hear of his passing, but know you are comforted that he is now completely healed! He was your hero, but YOU were his as well. He lit up like a Christmas tree every time he saw you. Please know you'll be in my thoughts and prayers!
Be Blessed,
Rachel

Rachel Larrison-Yarabeck - June 30, 2010 at 06:11 PM

SH

“ It has been such a pleasure for me to care for "Major/Pops" since I started with hospice last August. I am thankful that he was in the care of Rena the last several months and I saw what special care she gave him and the loving relationship they had for each other. I used to enjoy talking to him about flying and would always tell him if the weather was a good day for flying and shared with him that my Dad was also a pilot and worked for the FAA. I personally will miss him greatly and yet will be o.k. yet never the same with him no longer in our care. My prayers are with his family and friends.

Sally Stalter LVN Thee Hospice - June 29, 2010 at 09:19 PM

FH

“ Lori, Ryan, Tom, Tamara & Elfreida,

*We are so sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed talking to him and having a laugh with him when he lived next door. Our daughter, Betty, spent time with him when he was at The Lexington Center. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
MaY God bless you.*

Frances, Norville & Betty Henslee

Frances & Norville Henslee - June 29, 2010 at 06:06 PM

HM

“ Lori, Tom, Ryan, and Tamra, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Herman and Nancy Myers - June 29, 2010 at 02:24 PM

TR

“ It has been such a pleasure to care for Pops - "Major" over the past 16 months. He was a gentle, loving man, whose devotion to his family and those who cared for him, was a treasure to us all. Our thoughts and prayers are with your whole family as you attempt to adjust to the new norm in your lives.

*Sincerely,
Tami J. Dees, RN
THEE Hospice*

Tami Dees, RN - June 29, 2010 at 01:22 PM

NV

“ To the McMillian's and Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May the Lord embrace you to give you strength and peace.

Nicole Venette - June 29, 2010 at 08:19 AM

JM

“ Ryan, Katy and family.It has been an honor to have met,known,loved, and cared for Pops.We can't thank you enough for bringing him into our lives.He was like a grandfather to us,as you are like family to us as well.We know in our hearts that Pops traded in his pilots wings for angel wings.He will and is greatly missed.God bless you all.

James& Rene Murray - June 28, 2010 at 06:19 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Your family is our prayers.

Jill Saumell - June 28, 2010 at 02:12 PM

KL

“ Lori, Tamra and Ryan,
I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Bailey's passing. He was a special man. I remember the times we went and visited him when the kids were younger. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kaye

Kaye Nichols Lynch - June 28, 2010 at 01:52 PM

DW

“ Lori, tom Tamara and Ryan, Your dad and grandfather was a very special man and will be missed by everyone who knew him. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Debbie & Bobby Walton - June 28, 2010 at 12:19 PM

DB

“ Lori,
I can't help but remember the conversation we had at work last week. We talked about all the things your dad used to do and how, given the choice, he wouldn't want to live in his current condition. Hopefully, that knowledge will help ease the pain. And I'll be here for lots more conversations when you need me.

Dena Byrd - June 28, 2010 at 08:57 AM