



T.J. Honeycutt

April 4, 1917 - January 9, 2008

Thomas Joseph "T.J." Honeycutt was born on April 4, 1917 in Marlin, Falls County, Texas to Nobe E. Honeycutt and Vera Mullens Honeycutt and passed away on January 4, 2008 in Conroe, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Oliver Honeycutt and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Lana Honeycutt; and sisters, Elizabeth Houston and Ruby Joy Foster. T.J. attended McClanahan rural school and graduated from Marlin High School in 1935. He attended and graduated from John Tarleton Agriculture College (now Tarleton State University) from 1935 – 1937. He was employed by Falls Hotel in Marlin for one year before being employed at Taylors Chapel, Falls County and nearby McClanahan rural school where he taught and was principal from 1940 – 1942. T.J. married Hazel Oliver in December, 1939 and they celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary in December, 2007. He worked for Falls County ASC during the summer of 1941 and for Houston Ship Building Co. the summer of 1942. T.J. volunteered for the U.S. Army Air Corps, September 1942 and was stationed at Blackland Army Air Field, Waco Texas from September 1942 to May, 1943; Kearns Field, Salt Lake City, Utah, May 1943 to August, 1943. He went overseas in September 1943 and served in North Africa, Corsica and Italy. He arrived home in August, 1945 for a short visit before reporting for training for the mission to invade Japan where upon V.J. Day was declared several days later and he was discharged September, 1945. T.J. was employed by Ward Produce Co in Marlin for two years as a bookkeeper and then attended Sam

Houston State University in Huntsville receiving his B.S. degree in 1948 and M.A. degree in 1949 in agricultural education. He was employed as a vocational agriculture teacher at Marlin High School from July 1, 1949-January, 1964. During that time he served as President of the Marlin Jr. Chamber of Commerce, President of Marlin Lions Club, President of Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, Vice-President and President Elect of the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, member of Board of Directors for 20 years of the Agricultural Workers Auto Insurance Co, Ft. Worth, Texas and a member of the Executive Committee. T.J. came to Sam Houston State University in January 1964 and continued teaching for the university for the next 21 years; he also served as head teacher trainer for many of those years. He served on the Sam Houston Athletic Council for 10 years and continued to be an avid supporter of the athletic program. T.J. held many positions and received many awards during his lifetime. He was President, Collegiate F.F.A. chapter at Sam Houston State University; President, Agriculture Educators, State of Texas; Vice President Region II National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association; outstanding teacher educator in Texas, 1977; awarded for contribution to vocational education, Texas Vocational Assoc. 1957–1958; chairman, state F.F.A. Leadership contest; advisor for Area IX (State and National F.F.A. winners); advisor, agriculture education for Young Farmers of Texas Assoc.; received Honorary American Farmer degree at F.F.A. Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, October, 1980.; National F.A.A. organization honored him with the American Farmer Degree, the highest honor they can bestow on an individual. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Huntsville, Texas. Services will be on Wednesday, January 9, at 11:00am in the chapel of the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville with interment at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Marlin, Texas at 4:00pm. He will lie in state Monday January 7, from Noon–7:00pm and Tuesday, January 8, from 8:00am–7:00pm. Memorial donations may be made to your charity of choice. Memorial condolences may be made online at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *T.J. Honeycutt*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Aunt Hazel,*

I am so saddened to hear that we have lost Uncle T.J. I know you have had a rough year and what a hard time this is for you. You are in Ronnie's and my thoughts and prayers. Love, Debbie

Debbie Blackard - January 14, 2008 at 02:31 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Honeycutt's passing. Mrs. Honeycutt he was such an inspiration to me when I came to Sam Houston in 1970. I know I would not have made it through school without him and Mr. Chandler, Mr. Stewart, Dr. Harrell and Doug Blackard. I am still in education today because of Mr. Honeycutt. As long as I live I will never forget the trip we made to the National FFA Convention in 1972. Mr. Honeycutt, Mr. Harrell, my self and another boy drove to Kansas City. He was a great mentor. We always had one thing in common, we were both from central Texas, I was raised in Troy. I will keep you in my prayers. Lawrence Oliver*

Lawrence Oliver - January 09, 2008 at 10:17 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Mr. Honeycutt will be dearly missed.*

Walter Bennett family - January 09, 2008 at 09:24 AM

BV

“ Dear Aunt Hazel, We're sorry for your loss. Uncle T.J. was a wonderful man who inspired people around him. You knew you were in good company when you were in Uncle T.J. presence. We love you so much.

From: Brad, Madison, & Marlena

Brad Vitale - January 08, 2008 at 11:17 PM

MB

“ Dear Mrs. Honeycutt and family, Mr. Honeycutt was one of the most influential men in my life. I was privileged to be enrolled in the last student teaching block that Mr. Honeycutt taught in the the Spring of 1984. I always admired his degree of excellence and professionalism. He expected nothing less from his students. Mr. Honeycutt will greatly be missed by everyone in the agriculture education family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.

Mark B.Foreman - January 08, 2008 at 08:23 PM

CH

“ Dear Aunt Hazel, We were so sorry to hear of Uncle T.J.'s passing. He was truly a giant in our life. I have so many happy memories of coming to Marlin for the holidays and visiting Bigmama and Bigdaddy. I remember going to your farm one night and you piling quilts on top of me because it was so cold. I remember Uncle T.J.'s laugh and the sound of the dominoes after dinner on the card board tables. I remember all the cakes and pies we would eat. I did not realize at the time because of my youth but those things are priceless memories now. I always looked forward to seeing all my relatives and enjoyed Uncle T.J.'s stories and his uncanny recollection of dates. Carole and Shirley remember the time that ya'll would make home made ice cream. They would sit on the top of the towels and then they would crank the cream. Those days will always be remembered. We deeply love you and we share in your grief at the loss of Thomas Jefferson Honeycutt. I know he is now without pain because he has seen the face of Jesus. He is now in eternity with the living God who created us all to have an everlasting relationship with Him. I pray now as you begin this very challenging journey of being here without him. I will pray for comfort and the peace that surpasses all understanding to give you peace. Love, Carole, Shirley and Beth

Carole Foster, Beth Foster Honeycutt, and Bill Honeycutt - January 08, 2008 at 07:44 PM

LM

“ Mrs. Honeycutt..my deepest sympathy to you, dear heart. I know this is such a sad time for you but may the wonderful memories you hold (68+years)bring a smile and help ease the pain as each day goes by. You and Mr. Honeycutt were such dear friends to my parents and held a special place in all the Allen Family Children as well. Again, may you find comfort in the memories and know you are now being watched over by your loved ones. Love, LuAlice (Allen) Myatt

LuAlice Allen Myatt - January 08, 2008 at 02:12 PM

JM

“ Mrs. Honeycutt,

I wish to express my deepest sympathy on your loss; Mr. Honeycutt will certainly be missed by many. During my years working in the Ag Building as well as the years since, he was always such a wonderful person and good friend.

May God Bless You,

Jan McPike

Jan McPike - January 08, 2008 at 12:19 PM

DG

“ Dear Mrs. Honeycutt,

I was so sadden to hear of Mr. Honeycutt's passing. He was the instructor that I ever had during my education process. I went to Sam in 1978 thinking I wanted to go A&M after two years. After being introduced to Mr. Honeycutt I would have never left Sam Houston. He was such an inspiration to me and so many others. He touched the lives of countless numbers of students across the state of Texas. His prencence will be greatly missed.

Dana Griffin - January 08, 2008 at 09:08 AM

RJ

“ Dear Aunt Hazel, So sorry" I send my love and comfort to you, You and Uncle T.J. were always so intrested in the Foster kids every time we would vist with our Mom' You always treated us so special" I have always had a place in my heart for Uncle T.J.and you Aunt Hazel two very special people!!My thoughts and prayers are with you Aunt Hazel. Love' Robert Jr.

Robert H. Foster Jr. - January 07, 2008 at 01:54 PM

TH

“ Dear Aunt Hazel,

We are going to miss Uncle T.J. more than anyone can ever imagine. While his sisters always called him Brother instead of T.J., we felt like he was like a second father to us. He always had such an outstanding ability to hold interesting conversations with you whether you were young or old. If ever our memory failed us on a date, we always knew we could call Uncle T.J. and he could recall all the details.

We look back over the years and remember all the great times we had with the two of you. We were indeed fortunate to have shared so many special memories with you, including over 50 years of celebrating your wedding anniversary with you which was on Christmas Day. Last Christmas was the first Christmas we had missed being together.

We think back to last April when we had the small family celebration for his 90th birthday. He was so surprised when his nieces and nephews called him from all across the country to wish him a happy birthday. He left that day with such a happy smile on his face.

Hazel, you are really a special person. We never mentioned Uncle T.J. unless we mentioned Aunt Hazel right alongside his name. You made a tremendous team.

While he is gone, you will never be alone. God will be with you and so will your many friends and family. You are in our prayers. Stay strong. We love you and will be there for you.

Tom and Shirley Houston - Houston, Texas

Tom Houston - January 07, 2008 at 12:56 PM

MG

“ Dear Hazel,

Having lost my own husband after 56 years of marriage, I realize how you must be missing T.J. after such a long marriage. How wonderful that you had 68 years of love for one another. We missed you and T.J. at Christmas this year. As he did with me, God will give you strength to carry on during these difficult times. You are in my prayers.

Marie Gordon

Marie Gordon - January 07, 2008 at 12:29 PM

CE

“ Mrs. Honeycutt and Family,

It was with great sadness that I learned of Mr. Honeycutt's passing. I so much appreciate Dr. Billy Harrell encouraging me to visit you and Mr. Honeycutt recently at your home prior to Thanksgiving. It was a gift for me to spend some time with him after so many years. He was a "Giant" in agricultural education in Texas from the 1950s through the 1980s, especially among SHSU graduates who taught agricultural education. His "common sense" and professional approach to being a successful agriculture teacher/FFA advisor as well as school and community leader was much appreciated by those who studied under him. His use of parables and "indirect" stories to make his teaching points was remarkably effective and memorable. He made an important difference in my life and career and for that I will forever remain in his debt.

Sincerely and with deepest sympathy, Craig Edwards and family

Craig Edwards - January 07, 2008 at 09:30 AM



“ *T.J. Honeycutt*

January 07, 2008 at 08:03 AM



“ *Our sympathies are extended to the Honeycutt family. T. J. Honeycutt was a wonderful person whose passing will leave a void in the hearts of many. We can take comfort in knowing that he is now with his Maker.*

Dan Beto - January 06, 2008 at 07:54 PM



“ *Dear Mrs Honeycutt*

I wish to send you my profound comfort in the loss of Mr. Honeycutt. He was my inspiration. Mr. Honeycutt taught me the lessons that have served me well in my 25 years as an Agriculture Science Instructor. He will be missed by many

Paul Booth - January 06, 2008 at 07:42 PM



“ *Hazel, I'm so sorry that T.J. is gone. We love you and will remember you in our prayers. Mike and I will always cherish our time on 17th street and the relationship we had with you and T.J. He was a kind and generous man and you were the perfect companion for him. May God be with you during this time of grieving. Love, Mike and Lisa and boys.*

Mike and Lisa Williford - January 06, 2008 at 03:10 PM

JF

“ Hazel,

I know that we didn't stay in close contact, but wanted to let you know that I was sad when I read about your loss. You will be in my prayers and thoughts, as well as your family.

Jackie Fitz - January 06, 2008 at 12:08 PM

SH

“ Aunt Hazel it is with deepest sorrow and regret that we learned of your/our loss in the passing of Uncle TJ. He was a very special person and one we were blessed by to share a part of his life with him. Our heartfelt sorrow for your loss is deeply felt, and may the Lord Bless and keep him in his graces as his time on this earth is over. May the time ahead keep you safe and know that our love and prayers are with you each day.

Sharon and Cory Houston

Sharon and Cory Houston - January 06, 2008 at 11:52 AM

TH

“ Dear Hazel and family, We are saddened to hear of T.J.'s passing and know your many friends will be there for comfort and assistance. As a colleague for my tenure at SHSU, T.J. exemplified the dignity that goes with leadership and duty. This past year of sharing coffee discussions on Monday mornings has been a treasure for me. He will be greatly missed in the life of the community. Terry and Mary Lee Hoage

Terry and Mary Lee Hoage - January 06, 2008 at 11:12 AM

DE

“ Hello Hazel,
We are so sorry to hear about T. J. We missed both your smiling faces at Tommy and Shirley's on Christmas Day. You both light up a room when you enter. He was a wonderful person whom we feel honored to have known and called "family".
We pray that God will keep you in His close care each moment as the days pass.
We love you,
Dave & Linda

Dave & Linda Ellisor - January 06, 2008 at 10:39 AM

JM

“ Mr. Honeycutt was an outstanding colleague at SHSU and a person with whom I always enjoyed sharing a chat and cup of coffee. He was always very helpful as we worked together on student teacher problems. His spot on the back pew of First Baptist Church has been empty lately and he is missed.

Jimmy Merchant - January 05, 2008 at 04:38 PM

NR

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I have loved you both since we first met. One of my fondest memories is when Mr. Honeycutt came into the office to tell me he had seen you safely off on the plane for a vacation with your sister. He was so excited for you. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Norma Rasbeary - January 05, 2008 at 02:42 PM

NJ

“ Miss Hazel, what a loss to all who knew and loved Mr. T. J. He was truly a gifted teacher and person. He was one to be admired--a true gentleman. I will always treasure how nice he was to me while I was the SHSU Alumni Director.

What fond memories all of his students have of him and also those of us who were at the Alumni Office (1977-1992). God Bless each of you. Norma Dell Jones of Lovelady.

Norma Dell Jones - January 05, 2008 at 01:34 PM

KT

“ Dear Hazel, Tom and Shirley and family. We send our love and care and comfort in the loss of TJ. What a gift he has been, and Hazel, these 68 year of marriage are indeed a gift from God. May the comfort of the Holy Spirit bring the Love of Jesus immediately into your presence. Please know of our care and concern. We stand with you at this time of your loss and pray for the comfort of our Lord Jesus. Our love, Kathy and George

Kathy and George Thompson - January 05, 2008 at 12:08 PM

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Our love,

Kathy and George

Kathy and George Thompson - January 05, 2008 at 12:04 PM