



# Irvin E. Elkins

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### **I**rvin Earl BopBop Elkins

Irvin Earl BopBop Elkins, beloved sweetheart, husband and father, went to meet his Lord on August 18, 2008. A celebration of his life on earth will be held in the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home in Longview, Texas on Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 10 AM with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in Mattox Cemetery in Diana. Mr. Elkins was a member of the Fellowship Bible Church of Longview, where he and his wife Bettye were members of the Encore Class. Irvin attended Marshall schools and graduated in 1943. He later attended Texas A&M College and graduated in 1947 with a Bachelor of Science degree. While at Texas A&M, he served as Company Commander and Head Drum Major of the nationally famous Fightin' Texas Aggie Band. Upon graduation, he was employed by Southwestern Electric Power Company where he was a pioneer in the sales of residential electric heating. He retired from SWEPCO after over 38 years as Assistant Division Sales Manager. Irvin enjoyed his family and friends, fishing, his beloved A&M and playing harmonica for which he was well known. Irvin is survived by his wife, Bettye of Longview; his son, Wade Elkins of College Station; daughter, Kathy Elkins of Marshall; daughter and son-in-law, Linette and Lee Wright of Montgomery, Alabama; daughter and son-in-law, Dianne and Don Conoly of Longview; and daughter and son-in-law Patti and David Minor of Liberty City, TX. He was blessed with 8 grandchildren: Emilee Wright of Baton Rouge, LA, Julianna Wright of Orlando, Fl, Holli Hampton of Liberty City, TX, Josh Minor of Flint, TX, Nicholas Ballard of Jacksonville, FL, Stephanie Ballard of Liberty City, TX, Hardy Elkins of Lubbock, TX, and Will Elkins of Longview, TX; 2 great-granddaughters, Hannah Grace Hampton and Giana Nicole Ballard. Irvin will be remembered by his many friends and business associates, including his life-long best friend, Albert Agnor of Marshall, TX. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Rader Funeral Home. Special thanks to all these who lovingly cared for our BopBop at Whispering Pines Lodge, Home Health Hospice, Fellowship Bible Church and the Alzheimer's Day Club.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

MR. ELKINS ALWAYS HAD A SMILE FOR EVERYONE . WHAT A BLESSING HE WAS. YOUR FAMILY WAS BLESSED TO HAVE HIM . GOD BLESS,JERI CHAPMAN###imported-begin##JERI CHAPMAN###imported-end##

August 28 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

AS OLD SCHOOL CHUMS OF IRVIN, WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY HOW VERRYSORRY WE ARE ABOUT HIS DEATH.GOD BLESS YOU.BILL & CAROLYN SULLIVAN203 AZALEA WAYMARSHALL, TEXAS 75672###imported-begin##BILL & CAROLYN LATHAM SULLIVAN###imported-end##

August 21 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Bettye: I heard from LuLu today and heard the news. I am so sorry for your loss. I remember when you and Ervin would have dinner with my mom and dad George and Mary Pollock at Vista Larga Apartments. Those are good memories. Much love, Mary Pat Kline###imported-begin##Mary Pat Pollock Kline###imported-end##

August 20 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Wade, Hardy, & Will,I am sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Paula Bradley###imported-end##

August 19 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Bettye, Wade, and family,I was sorry to hear about Irvin. We have lost a great man and a great Aggie. I will always remember Irvin as my first boss after my graduation from A&M. He was a gentleman.Sincerely,Charles Turner###imported-begin##Charles Turner###imported-end##

August 19 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Wade - so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of you and your Dad and our 'gang' at the Timbers. We share in your loss.##imported-begin##Jeanne J. Evans##imported-end##

August 19 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Wade & Family, You all are in my prayers. Ebony##imported-begin##Ebony Dennis##imported-end##

August 19 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. WE PRAY THE LORDS RICHES BLESSING COME TO YOU AND YOURS.##imported-begin##TOBY & ELEANOR ABNEY##imported-end##

August 19 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Bettye, Wade & family I am so sorry to hear about Irvin. He was such a sweet and kind man. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.##imported-begin##Debbie Carver##imported-end##

August 19 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Bettye, Wade and family, We are so sorry for the loss of your "other half" and father. Our sympathy and a heartfelt prayer is that God's loving presence will bring you comfort.##imported-begin##Deena and Robert##imported-end##

August 19 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Bettye, Wade & Family I know you are feeling a great loss right now...so am I. Irv was a great boss, a caring mentor, and a true friend to me...I will always be grateful. He is in a better place, most likely playing his harmonica for God & fishing with Don Woodruff. I will always remember playing music with him especially "Summer Time" and the fishing trips. May God bless Irv, you & yours. Bill

August 19 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty-Boo and family, Irvin was a very special person and wonderful man. I will always remember his great stories and Pat will always remember "the captain", fox calls and of course the sign language. We were so gratefully blessed to have known him. Our prayers and thoughts are with you'all.

August 19 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family of a most devoted Aggie. May he lead the band where he is going.

August 18 at 7:00 PM



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