



# Bala Duszik

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**B**ala Duszik, 86, of Longview went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 3, 2009. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Longview with Dr. Kenneth Hall and Rev. David English officiating. Interment will follow in Grace Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends 6 -8 p.m. Monday, December 7 at Rader Funeral Home.

Mr. Duszik was born April 7, 1923 in Cleveland, Ohio. Orphaned at an early age, he was adopted at age 9 by a loving family.

He served his country in World War II in Europe. He took part in five major campaigns, beginning with the Battle of Normandy, followed by action in Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe, for which he earned five Bronze Campaign Medals.

He came to Longview to participate in R. G. Letourneau's work/college program earning a degree in Mathematics and Engineering. Upon graduation he began a career in construction in East Texas that extended over 55 years, earning a reputation as a master builder with great integrity and skills. He passed these traits to his three sons in his own "example and do" training program.

A member of the First Baptist Church he had a true servant's heart, serving many years as a deacon. He was on the building committee for the Beatty Education Building. Served as usher in the balcony and continued to climb the stairs each Sunday even after an injury created a severe walking problem. His concern for orphans led him to use his skills for 37 years on the annual Mission Trip in supervising the construction/repair programs in orphanages in Mexico. He loved his Sunday School Class led by G. A. Bobo.

Mr. Duszik is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Dorothy S. Duszik; sons and their wives, Bala Lee and Sue B. Duszik, Joe and Rhonda Duszik, Steve Duszik and Becky Lummus; grandchildren, Bala Duszik II, Sean Duszik, Will Duszik and wife Kelly, Erin Duszik, Maggie Duszik, Farrah Stone



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and husband Jason Stone, Tommy Lummus, Terry Lummus and Brenda McCullum and great-grandchildren; Kourtney Mason and Brylie Stone.

Pallbearers will be G. A. Bobo, Stan Glen, Jim Trippett, Bala Duszik II, Sean Duszik and Will Duszik. Honorary pallbearers are Danny Littlejohn and Stacey Littlejohn.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Kathleen Weindorff, Dr. Tom Chow, Dr. Mark Littlejohn, Head ICU Nurse Kelly Cox, and Case Manager Diane Rowe for their special and loving care.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Mexico Mission Trip in care of First Baptist Church, 209 E. South St., Longview, TX 75601; to Buckner Benevolence, 600 N. Pearl, Suite 2000, Dallas TX 75201; or to a favorite charity.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

I was saddened to hear of your father's recent "graduation". What a significant loss for our world! He was an outstanding man!! regret not getting him a letter thanking him for showing me a great work ethic, highest integrity, why it's important to do it the right way and redo it if it's wrong. By giving me a job over a couple of summers, he motivated me to do well in school. I owe him a great deal. Guess I'll have to "pay it forward" to others now; having learned from his example of serving others so well. Thanks for sharing him with me. Keeping your family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Mark English, MD##imported-end##

December 12 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I'm sorry for your loss. I knew Bala, Sr. since 1973. I went to college with Bala, Jr. I know most of the Duszik boys and they are a chip off the block!! Your Dad was a good man. Keep his memories alive and live your life the way he lived his!! It will get you to Heaven.##imported-begin##Andy Williams##imported-end##

December 8 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Dorothy & Family, We were so saddened to hear about Bala. He was truly a man who lived his Christianity. With love & sympathy. Aubrey & Thelma##imported-begin##Buchanan, A.C. & Thelma##imported-end##

December 7 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Bala's son would come to the race track when I was in high school. I became familiar with Mr. Duszik from there. My deepest sympathy goes out to the family. Steve##imported-begin##Steve Siler##imported-end##

December 7 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

We are happy to have met such a special person. After reading about his life I know that you all will have many special memories to help you through this tough time. Our thoughts are with you. Dean & Dona

December 7 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry for your loss.

December 7 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My deepest sympathy and condolences for your family at this sad time. You are in my prayers. God Bless You, Sincerely, Sheila Smith friend of Deb York

December 7 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Duszik family, Our prayers are with you for God's strength and comfort as you go through this difficult time. Mr. Duszik's life, well lived and the examples he set for his family and friends, is a valuable legacy. May his love and memories give you reason to hope and celebrate. In Christ's love, Susan and Leon Murphy

December 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mr. and Mrs. Duszik were my neighbors on the hill for over 10 years. They both are the sweetest people I've ever met. Mr. Duszik helped my brother, sister, and I make this beautiful stool for my mother on Mother's Day. He was the kindest person ever. We would visit the Dusziks everyday when we got off the school bus. They gave me great memories in my childhood, and my thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

December 6 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Bala and Joe, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was a good man who knew how to work and get things done. I can remember pouring some concrete for him way back in the '70's. I was young and thought I knew everything about construction, but he showed me just how much I did not know. I'm sure he taught you boys everything ya'll know about building. Believe me, I know just how you are feeling right now, having lost my mother and a daughter this past year. Take comfort in that he lived a long and full life and he touched more lives than we will ever know.##imported-begin##Johnny McClanahan##imported-end##

December 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Bala Lee: Our prayers are with you and all your family at this time of sorrow for the loss of your dad. We met Mr. Duszik at a young age while we were residents at Matamoros Children's Home, where he came countless times to serve and show his love for the less fortunate. I can tell you that there is no place around the Children's Home where we can't see his work. A real Christian, true friend and hard worker. We'll miss him. Dr. Saul & Maria Camacho Matamoros Children's Home##imported-begin##DR. SAUL & MARIA CAMACHO##imported-end##

December 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Your family has always helped me. God Bless##imported-begin##Jen Brenion##imported-end##

December 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

"May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead."##imported-begin##Bryan Brenion##imported-end##

December 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Duszik family, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##brenda waskowiak##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Steve and family- my thoughts and prayers are with you all.-Ashley Willeford##imported-begin##Ashley Willeford##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Mrs. Duszik:I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Duszik's passing. I knew you from First Baptist Church when I was growing up and then my Mother lived next door to you for a couple of years on Hwy. 259. I will always remember you both with such fond memories and as two of the sweetest people I have ever met. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Delaine Smith##imported-begin##Delaine Smith##imported-end##

December 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF BALA'S PASSING. HE WAS AN AMAZING PERSON. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF WORKING WITH HIM ON SEVERAL MISSION TRIPS TO MATAMORAS. WE ALL KNOW THAT HE IS IN A MUCH BETTER PLACE.GOD BLESS YOU.##imported-begin##SUSAN FORD##imported-end##

December 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Dorothy, Joe, Bala, Jr. and Steve,and all of Mr. Duszik's loved ones,I was saddened by the passing of Mr. Duszik. I know that he must have a real good place in Heaven.Please know that my prayers and thoughts are with ya'll.In His Love,Sally Shaw##imported-begin##Sally Shaw##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Duszik Family, As a child growing up in FBC Longview, I always looked forward to seeing Mr. Duszik. He always had a sweet spirit and kind smile to share. My parents went on many Mexico mission trips with him over the years, and he was with us on my first trip when I was about 10 years old. He was a wonderful example of Christ and was a faithful, tireless worker who needed no praise. He just wanted to make a difference in this world, and he certainly did. We were blessed to know him; thank you for sharing him with us. You are in my prayers as you celebrate his life and grieve your loss.##imported-begin##Lori Risinger Heinrich##imported-end##

December 5 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Bala by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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