



Clarence Duane Propes

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Services for Clarence Duane Propes will be held at Millville Baptist Church, FM 782, Henderson, Texas, at 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 16, 2011, with burial in Millville Cemetery under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Henderson. The Rev. David English, Dr. Bruce Tankersley and the Rev. Jerry Smith will officiate. Mr. Propes passed away on May 14, 2011, in Good Shepherd Hospital, Longview. He was born March 14, 1936, to Cullen Augustus and Robbie Husband Propes, the fourth of five children, in Joinerville, Texas.

He attended school in Henderson, graduating from HHS in 1954, and received a scholarship to Kilgore College, where he majored in industrial arts, receiving an Associate of Arts degree in 1956. He was recruited by Hughes Tool Company in Houston, remaining for five years before becoming a vocational teacher in Galena Park High School, followed by positions as drafting teacher and director of vocational education at Longview High School. After designing changes for making the "old Sears building" an educational facility, he became director of continuing education at Kilgore College, Longview Center, where he served for twelve years before retirement in 1992.

During his teaching years, he earned a B.S. in Education at University of Houston and a M. Ed. in Administration from TAMU, Commerce. His reward as a vocational teacher and administrator was to see students in successful careers, using the skills learned in his classes and special programs.

On June 14, 1958, Clarence married his high school sweetheart, Joan Carlisle, at Millville

Baptist Church, and she joined him in the Houston area, teaching music in Galena Park. They immediately joined First Baptist Church, where he served as youth Sunday School teacher and director, and was elected to the deacon board at age 27. When their son was born in 1966, they chose to return to East Texas to allow him to



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know his grandparents and grow up in the small town environment they had enjoyed. Clarence continued the Bible teaching he loved, teaching adult classes at Oakland Heights and First Baptist churches. His most recent class was the Berean Men's Class, a group of older men whose serious study inspired and challenged him.

After retirement, he lived on their Millville farm, where he enjoyed gardening and working in his workshop. He served on the Millville Cemetery Committee for the past 12 years, during which time the cemetery obtained a Texas Historical Marker for 150 years of continuous use.

Mr. Propes is survived by his wife, Joan, son and wife, Duane Carlisle and Pam Propes,

granddaughter, Kinley Nicole Propes, step-grandson, Corey Tanner Wright, sister and husband, Lurene and Glen Brown, sister-in-law Becky Propes, several nieces and nephews, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Johnny, Calvin, and Carroll.

Pallbearers will be Robby Propes, Cecil Propes, Keith Loftin, Kenneth Brown, Eddie Johnson and Michael Shapell. Orville Todd, Earl Harkins, Don Baker, Randall Coggin, Homer Wilson, the Berean Bible Class of First Baptist Church, and the HHS Class of 1954 will serve as honorary pallbearers.

The family will receive friends at Rader Funeral Home, 1617 Judson Road, Longview, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 15.

Memorials may be made to Millville Cemetery, 110 Baker St., Henderson, Texas 75652, or to a charity of choice.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at www.raderfh.com.



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Anonymous posted:

praying for peace for you and your family as you go through this time. i love you.##imported-begin##lori hebert##imported-end##

May 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joan--So sorry to hear about Clarence. You were always one of the sweetest girls in the B.S.U. and I considered you a very good friend and still do. It always hurts friends when their friends suffer. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Cody Allen##imported-end##

May 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joan, We were so saddened to hear of Clarence's death. We were thrilled to get to know our Texas cousins, but the time was just too short! My parents and our whole family grieve with you. Our prayers are with you, that our Lord and Saviour comforts you and Duane. God bless.##imported-begin##Beth Propes Suggs##imported-end##

May 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Propes, Just wanted you to know that I will be praying for you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss. When I took piano lessons from you and we would have recitals Mr. Propes was always so kind and encouraging.Lisalee Sobey##imported-begin##LISA KAY##imported-end##

May 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our rayers go out to you in this time of grief. Just remember GOD is in control and will provide for all your needs in this citation. Marlin & Nancy Wilson We are here for you for any need you have.##imported-begin##Marlin Wilson##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Joan and Duane We rejoice that Clarence is with our Lord and Saviour. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I worked for 8 years with Clarence at Kilgore College and under his direction he served all his students and staff with a Christian Fellowship of Faith Hope and charity to all. Clarence will be sadly missed with all the hearts he touched in fellowship. I pray that the holy spirit will ease your pain and suffering in the loss of a good husband and Father. ##imported-begin## Edward & Debbie Stroud ##imported-end##

May 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I Work in Admitting at ETMC Henderson. I will surely miss Mr. Propes' smile. I always looked forward to seeing him in the lobby at the hospital, because I knew he would be giving me a BIG hug. Now He is resting in the arms of Jesus. I look forward to seeing Jesus and Mr. Propes one day. May God bless you Mrs. Joan you truly stood by your husband. Pls come to see me at ETMC. I will forever love you and Mr. Propes. You both have a special place in my heart. Pat Veal, Admitting, ETMC Henderson ##imported-begin## Patricia Veal ##imported-end##

May 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

surely you know that my spirit and thoughts are with you. my support and prayers are with you through this difficult time. so enjoyed your visits here. come when you can. love, carolyn ##imported-begin## carolyn ##imported-end##

May 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry to hear about Clarence's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Cathy and Richard Fothergill ##imported-begin## Cathy Fothergill ##imported-end##

May 16 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Joan:Our hearts go out fervently to you and your family in the sudden loss of Clarence's wonderful companionship from your lives here on earth. I am so glad Shirley and I had the opportunity to share a table with you and him at "The Filling Station" a few years ago, and to catch up somewhat on your lives together for the past fifty years!Just think about all the songs we have sung about Heaven through these years; and now it has finally become a blessed reality for Clarence--and for the rest of us before too long! May the presence of the Comforter and the precious memories of your lives together sustain you until you shall be permanently reunited in a Life that is thousands of times more wonderful than we can now imagine down here!With our abiding love and prayers for you,###imported-begin###Jack and Shirley Elliott###imported-end##

May 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are so sad for your loss, but are rejoicing for Clarence's homegoing!###imported-begin###Louise and Leroy###imported-end##

May 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Clarence was one of the sweetest and most gentle men i have ever had the privilage to know. I was always welcomed into he and Joans home with smiles and gladness. My grand daughter Aedyn Marie, just loved to go visit Mr. Propes. He was very special person and i will always remember him fondly. My heart is there for Joan.###imported-begin###Karen Murray###imported-end##

May 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My heart hurts that he's gone - he was a lovely human being. He & Joan have been such a support & encouragement to me, & they have shown such gracious hospitality to me as well.My prayers are w/ him & Joan, as well as their family.Ella Jane BealMay 14, 2011###imported-begin###Ella Jane Beal###imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, MAY GOD BLESS HIM AND ALL THE FAMILY !##imported-begin##Gail Perkins Gonsoulin##imported-end##

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Memories only last if you share them

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