



# 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](http://www.raderfh.com).



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**Anonymous** posted:

My deepest condolence for the family of Mr. Propes. He was my drafting teacher @ GPHS. I came to enjoy drafting, even working for 12yrs as a draftsman and it was due a large part to the wonderful teachings of Mr. Propes. Sorry, for the lateness of this message. I was thinking of him recently and found this obituary. Again, Mr. Propes was a fine teacher and an inspiration to a lot of students.##imported-begin##Ron Craft##imported-end##

November 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Duane and Joan, Clarence was so special to me in so many ways. He was one of the most caring, wonderful, funny, loving gentlemen I have ever known. He was always happy and always knew what to say to make me feel better. He would put those big strong arms around me to hug me and I would feel so safe and protected. He had such a love for children. Alicia was very fond of him because he always took the time to mess with her and give her a little extra attention. He loved the Lord and he loved his family and that was always very evident. Please know I am a phone call away and will continue to pray for all of you. Love you always!! Mandy "Mandums" Cobb Tyler TX##imported-begin##Mandy Cobb##imported-end##

May 19 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Duane, We at the Chamber of Commerce were shocked and saddened by your loss. Thank you for spending what must have been a very difficult day with us in Marble Falls. God bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Christian Fletcher##imported-end##

May 16 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Mrs. Propes and Duane, Jay and I send our love and are deeply saddened by the loss of Mr. Propes. We enjoyed the times we spent with him, and Jay has some wonderful memories of him that he reflects on. Even though we can not be there today, please know that you are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers today and in the days to come. God bless you. Our Love to you both, Alicia and Jay##imported-begin##Alicia and Jay Wilson##imported-end##

May 15 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and Duane at this terrible time in your lives. He was such a wonderful, kind, gentle man. Millville want be the same without his presence there to help guide us in everyway. God be with you during this time and all the days ahead. Wanda Holland##imported-begin##Wanda Holland##imported-end##

May 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Joan, Duane and family, Clarence has received his healing! Oh how we can praise God for that! Maybe Clarence and my Daddy can discuss how amazing their healed bodies are. :Much love and prayers are covering you! Remember that I am a phone call away and I can visit too.##imported-begin##Horne Family & Mary Barton##imported-end##

May 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Duane, I am so sorry for your tremendous loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your mom during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##steven self##imported-end##

May 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Joan, I am so sorry for your grief. I enjoyed the times I was around Clarence and yourself. He was a good man. Sincerely Billy Martin##imported-begin##Billy Martin##imported-end##

May 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Joan and Duane: Clarence was one of the finest people I have ever known. He will be greatly missed but shall live on in the fond memories I, and others, have of him. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you both during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Kerry Baker##imported-end##

May 15 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My parents John and Helen Blair really enjoyed being friends with the Propes. Our thoughts are with you during this time. Chris/ Dana Blair##imported-begin##CHRIS BLAIR##imported-end##

May 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Precious memories flood my soul when remembering Clarence. Sincerest sympathy to Joan and family.Velta##imported-begin##Velta Gray and Bill Morris##imported-end##

May 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

May Our God give you peace and as days go by bring to your remembrance the good and happy times with your loved one. And may you find sweet rest in the Lord.I am a friend of Becky's and am in the same SS Class.Because He Lives,Wilma Davis##imported-begin##Wilma Davis##imported-end##

May 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Joan and DuaneMy heart goes out to both of you. How wonderful that the funeral service will be at Millville Baptist Church. He loved that church and cemetery just as our ancestors have done for generations.##imported-begin##Bassett Owens##imported-end##

May 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Clarence was a wonderful person and he will be very much missed.##imported-begin##joe tompkins##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Joan,I was so sad to read about Clarence. He was such a sweet and kind man. God bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Diane Evans##imported-end##

May 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Joan and Duane,Our hearts are breaking for you. Clarence was a true Texas gentleman. We will always remember your visit to the Village and the fun time we had. Love and prayers,Gene and Linda Hamon##imported-begin##Linda Hamon##imported-end##

May 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Joan- You and clarence meant a lot to Pat and I. I will treasure the memories of the last meeting the rest of my life. May God be with you an give you comfort in these days of your grief.##imported-begin##Haskell Gossett##imported-end##

May 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Joan and Duane,Our love and prayers are with you in the loss of your wonderful husband and father, Clarence Propes. Clarence and I enjoyed many years working together at Kilgore College, and Diane and I have enjoyed our times with you both at the K.C. Retirees luncheons and at First Baptist Church, Longview.I will greatly miss my friend; but, I will always remember and treasure his sense of humor and his loyalty to his students and co-workers. Clarence was an honorable Christian man, and his love and his generosity will live on through you and through his grandchildren.May God keep you in His Loving Care in the days to come, and our thoughts and prayers are with you both.##imported-begin##Merritt & Diane Johnson##imported-end##

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