



James Manuel "Lefty" Fuller

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A memorial service for James Manuel "Lefty" Fuller will be Monday, May 14, 2018, at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Longview, Texas, where he joined as a young boy when he walked the aisle to profess his belief in Jesus with his sister Patsy. His ashes will be buried next to his grandparents Amanda Vandora "Vannie" Smith and Will Lee Fuller in the Judson First Baptist Church Cemetery, Longview, Texas. Visitation will be at Rader Funeral Home on Sunday, May 13, 2018, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. He passed away on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at home surrounded by loved ones. He was born in Longview, Texas, on September 30, 1930, to a pioneer and political family. His parents Jane Callaway and James Ollie Manuel "Mann" Fuller and his sisters Ollie Jane Clemens, Ada Laverne Lyon and Patsy Whitehurst Robertson precede him in death.

Lefty graduated in 1948 from Longview High School where he made All-State in baseball and All-District in football. He was very proud of the fact he played guard on the 1947 team which held their opponents scoreless for nine straight games and then won the next three games to advance to the state semi-finals. The Lobos lost that game after the majority of the team became ill with food poisoning. Lefty was the last surviving starter of that team. On the baseball team he was a left-handed first baseman, thus acquiring his nickname Lefty. He and his teammates and classmates remained close throughout their lives and later met each year at the Maco Stewart Golf Tournament honoring their high school coach.

After high school Lefty attended Kilgore Jr. College and enjoyed a short stint at North Texas College before joining the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, where he served as a 3rd Class Storekeeper in Norman, Oklahoma, from 1951-1955. He then attended East Texas Baptist College until 1956 when at the age of 26 he was appointed Gregg County Treasurer after the death of his father, who had been the Gregg County Tax Assessor Collector. Lefty immensely enjoyed serving the people of Gregg County as



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Treasurer for 30 years, working at the courthouse, just a few blocks from the house on Fredonia Street where he was born. In 1989, at the age of 58, he went back to East Texas Baptist University and earned a Bachelor's degree in General Business and Public Administration.

In his younger years Lefty was an active member of the community, serving in the Longview Chamber of Commerce, President of the Longview Jr. Chamber of Commerce, Jaycee of the Year, and a member of Knights of Pythias for over 60 years. As County Treasurer he served as President of the County Treasurers' Association of Texas, Director of the National Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers, and Outstanding County Treasurer of Texas nominee.

Lefty Fuller left a legacy of love for his family and friends. He lived a full life of fun and fellowship. He had a good run, enjoying the Cowboys, the Rangers, Matt Dillon on Gunsmoke and Barney Fife on the Andy Griffith Show with the volume turned up. LOUD! REALLY LOUD! He enjoyed Willie Nelson and Happy Hour and games of cards and dominoes with friends. He hunted quail, dove, deer, and catfish. He cleaned, cooked and ate his quarry. Unhurried, he approached life with a mellow spirit, an easy familiarity with his surroundings. He was comfortable in his own skin. Lefty was an affable presence who enjoyed a party and a good time with his friends, old and new, the young ones and not-so-young ones alike. He was genuinely loved and is greatly missed.

Left to cherish their memories of Lefty are his wife of 44 years, Beckie Satterwhite Fuller; his children, Jamie Ann Fuller of Dallas, TX, and William Mann Fuller, Amanda Ann "Mandie" Fuller, and Jesse James Fuller all of Longview, TX; grandson Wylie James Fuller, and many extended family members who all loved him dearly.






Events

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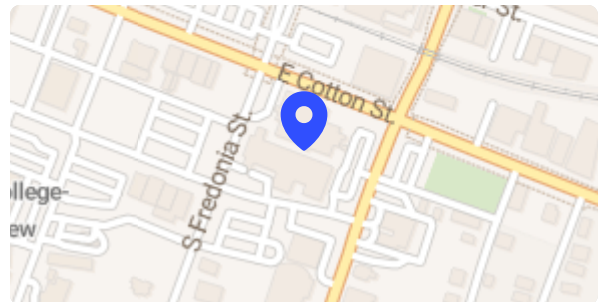
Visitation

-  **Sunday**, May 13, 2018
-  4:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT
-  **Rader Funeral Home**
1617 Judson Rd, Longview TX 75601



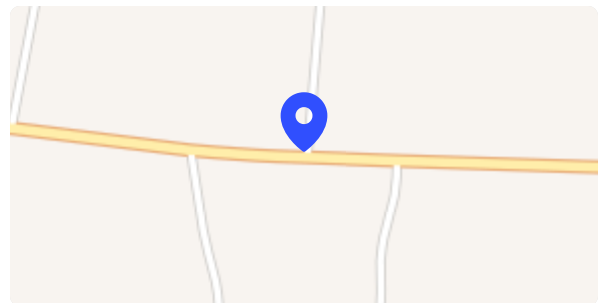
Memorial Service

-  **Monday**, May 14, 2018
-  1:00 PM CT
-  **First Baptist Church - Longview**
209 East South Street, Longview TX



Cemetery Details

-  **Judson Cemetery**
FM 1844, Longview TX





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KV

Kirt Villyard posted:

Mrs. Fuller, Mann, Mandie, and Jesse I send you grace, love and peace on the loss of your cherished "Lefty". Kirt Villyard

May 15 at 8:57 AM

RN

Robbie Norvell posted:

Beckie, please accept my deepest sympathy. You and your family are in my prayers. Robbie McLendon Norvell

May 15 at 8:49 AM

DM

D'Anne Demoss McGown posted:

Becky, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband. Thinking of you and yours. D'anne DeMoss McGown

May 14 at 2:17 PM



Anonymous sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Fuller family.



May 14 at 5:01 AM

NA

Nancye Alston posted:

So sorry for your loss Becky. He always had the sweetest smile and you always felt like he was genuinely happy to see you. He will be missed. Nancye Crawford Alston

May 14 at 4:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Healing Tears - All White to the Fuller family.



May 14 at 3:25 AM



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Anonymous sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Fuller family.



May 13 at 11:08 AM



Betty Roy posted:

Dear Becky and family, Please accept our deepest sympathy and love Lefty will be missed by so many. Betty Roy

May 13 at 10:16 AM



Anonymous sent a Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel to the Fuller family.



May 13 at 10:15 AM



Dona And Jimmy And Betty Whitaker posted:

To Becky and family, We would like to express our deepest sympathy for the loss of Lefty. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Dona and Jimmy Adams and Betty Whitaker

May 13 at 8:31 AM



Linda Morrow lit a candle in honor of James.



May 13 at 7:09 AM



Linda Morrow posted:

Lefty was a dear friend when I was employed at the Courthouse and going on further at the A&L Deer Lease in Avinger, Texas. He was a sweet spirited man who will be missed! Prayers for his family!

May 13 at 7:08 AM



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Anonymous sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Fuller family.



May 13 at 7:07 AM



Bryan Brennion posted:

Becky and family "Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they have shared and the love they brought into our lives."

May 12 at 4:09 PM



Michelle Spann~Rodriguez shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Becky, Jamie, Mann, Mandi & Jesse~I just found out about Sweet Lefty ~ I am so very sorry and my heart hurts for each of you!What a LEGACY of LOVE, Family & Friendship that Lefty leaves behind! He was as GENUINE as the come with an Infectious GRIN & Heart of GOLD!It was truly an HONOR to know him and I will forever cherish all the wonderful memories with him and your family!! love you all & will continue to lift you up in prayer for the difficult days ahead.With LOVE & RespectMichelle Spann~Rodriguez



May 11 at 1:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White to the Fuller family.



May 12 at 5:15 AM



Mary Tipton Shivers posted:

Becky and kids,Lefty will be missed by so many. You all are in our prayers as you go through the healing process.Lynn and Mary Shivers

May 11 at 3:07 PM



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HB

Hollie Bruce posted:

Kirk and I loved Lefty and love all of you so much! He was so special and truly did have a heart of gold. We will all miss him terribly and you are constantly on our hearts.

May 11 at 7:25 AM

JG

Julie Glass posted:

Dear Fuller Family, You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Lefty will truly be missed. Love, Mel and Julie

May 11 at 5:17 AM

JB

June Baumoel posted:

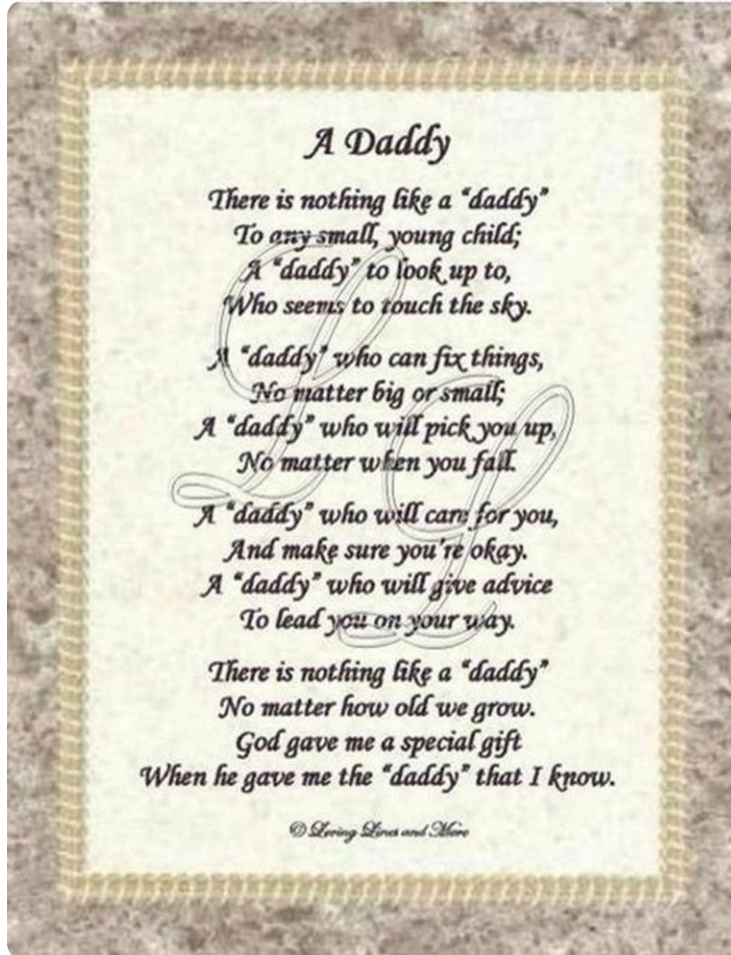
Dear Beckie, Mann, Jess, and Mandie, Jamie, Lefty was a dear friend and we will all miss him. He had a heart of gold was so sweet to everyone. One of my favorite memories was fishing with Lefty along the banks of the Pedernales River. We did not catch any fish but we sure had fun. May your memories of your husband and dad remain with you each day. We love you, June and Jim

May 11 at 1:41 AM



Michelle Spann~Rodriguez shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

May 12 at 10:40 AM





EnVoyage



THERES a ship sailing on to a harbor,

To a haven of comfort and rest;
It's a ship of God's fashion and making,
And its voyage by Him will be blest.
It departed with silence and beauty,
With the Master, Himself, in command;
As with dignity truly majestic
It sailed out of sight of all land.

There will always be clear skies above it;
There will always be calmness below;
There will never be storms to harass it,
For the Master is on it, you know,
And His wisdom will carry it safely
To the port of His infinite peace,
Where the light of His love will protect it
With a blessing that never will cease.

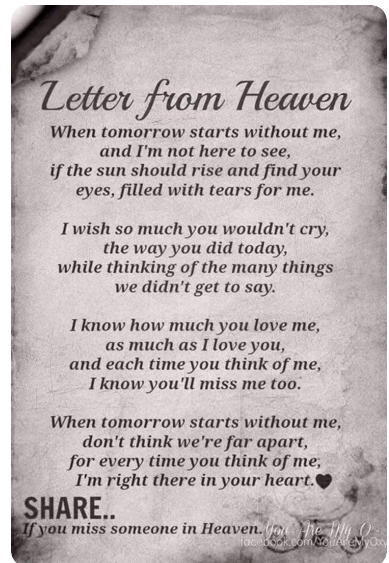
You have watched it sail onward and outward,
With a tear of regret in your eye,
For a loved one was sailing upon it,
And there's grief when you're saying goodbye.
But your tears would be tears of rejoicing,
And your heart would be happy and free.

If you could look for only a moment
On that ship that is sailing to sea.

For the one you have loved is at leisure,
With no worry or trouble or care;
There's contentment beyond understanding,
In the way God's passengers fare.
And you'd know from your own observation
That the sailing was joyful—not grim,
For it means a new life and new living,
And a sweet, closer contact with Him.

Oh, the solace there is in the knowledge,
Life is life and it always will be,
And it's simply a change of direction
When we sail on His ship out to sea.
And the tears that we shed for our loved ones
Are in truth shed for us left behind,
For it hurts to give up to the Master,
Tho we know He is gentle and kind.

So believe in His great and good wisdom,
Trust in Him, as you patiently wait;
On His ship God is ever the pilot,
And the one you have loved is the mate.





Memories only last if you share them

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



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