



## Benjamin Franklin Oldag

March 15, 1931 - December 2, 2010

Funeral services for Benjamin Franklin Oldag, 79, of Richmond, will be held at 10:00 A. M., Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at First United Methodist Church in Rosenberg with Rev. John Black officiating. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 P. M. until 8:00 P. M., Monday, December 6, 2010 at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel in Rosenberg.

Ben was born March 15, 1931 in Sealy to Ernest Oldag and Hattie Reznicek Oldag. He served his country proudly in the U. S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of American Legion Post 226. He passed away December 2, 2010 in Houston.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Hattie Oldag and his siblings, Florence Kubena, Ernest Oldag, Bill Oldag, Lawrence Oldag, Frank Oldag and Joe Oldag.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Sophiann Oldag; children, Ben Oldag, Jr. and wife, Linda, Deryl Oldag and wife, Jennifer and Mark Oldag and wife, Kathleen; stepchildren, Kenneth Tielke and wife, Ginette, Brenda Mahon and husband, Mike and Thomas Tielke and wife, Suzy; grandchildren, Megan, Kevin, Jessica and Jared Oldag, Jarod Abel, Charles Alan Tielke, Lisa Kay

Tielke Foley, Matthew Mahon, Rebecca Mahon, Reagan Tielke, Melissa Tielke Henderson; great grandchildren, Austin Janak and Brooke Tielke; along with other relatives and many friends.

Words of condolence may be left for the Oldag family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ I just found out about Ben's passing. I worked with him as his producer at KPRC for only six short months before I went back to NBC/NY. We had a great time working together and enjoyed the quick cigarette breaks at the top of the hour CBS news. He was a real radio pro!

Robert Massell - September 17, 2023 at 05:37 PM

RY

“ To The Oldag Family, I send my condolences. My Uncle, Willie Hisoire was good friends with Ben. I've heard so much about Ben through Uncle Willie. I'm sorry I never got to meet Ben but I did get to talk to Ben on the phone once. I loved the sound of his voice. My Mom Ruth Youmans sends her condolences too.

Russ Youmans - January 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Mr. Oldag was an excellent friend of nature and an excellent neighbor, from what I know. I appreciate his years of service to Richmond and the Houston area. I was saddened to learn of his passing. Hopefully, his Norfolk Pines live on.

Alan Ping - December 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Brenda & Kenneth - I remember you from high school. So sorry for your loss for you and your family.

Pat Massey Bishop - December 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I just wanted to extend my sympathies to the Oldag family. I met Mr Oldag when I was a youngster attending Holy Rosary Catholic School with his son, Mark. I remember most vividly every year at the bazaar Mr Oldag would act as auctioneer and how I was fascinated at how he could talk so fast and yet so clearly. I also have a memory of standing out in a field and watching with very little interest as Mr Oldag was showing my dad some different ways to deal with meaning "get rid of" fire ants.

To Mark and the entire Oldag family, please know you're in our thoughts and prayers in this difficult time. He will be missed by a great many people.

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**Michael Rothen** - December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

“ *In times of grief and sorrow, we look to family, friends, and Jesus Christ for comfort. We are saddened to hear of Ben' passing. However, our faith reminds us of the promises that Jesus Christ gave us. A poem written by E. Brenneman is one that has personally brought comfort to this family.*

*"His Journey's Just Begun"*

*Don't think of him as gone away--  
his journey's just begun,  
life holds so many facets--  
this earth is only one.*

*Just think of him as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.*

*Think how he must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.*

*And think of him as living  
in the hearts of those he touched  
for nothing loved is ever lost-  
and he was loved so much.*

*Comfort from above,  
Howard and OraLee Plengemeyer and family.*

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**Howard and OraLee Plengemeyer** - December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Ben played a major role in the introduction of the TRIUMPHS to our general "listening area." We were keenly aware of his support for our group during his stint at KFRD and for years thereafter. We, like many, many other folks, will miss him.

*THE TRIUMPHS*

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**Don Drachenberg of the TRIUMPHS** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Sophie - Our prayers are with you and your family.  
Love - The Doetterl's and Duplantis's

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**Mary Doetterl** - December 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Aunt Sophiann, I was so sorry to hear of Ben's passing. Frank loved meeting and talking to Ben since they have both been involved in radio. We won't be able to attend the visitation or funeral but wanted you to know that you will all be in our thoughts and prayers. Love,  
Debbie

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**Debbie Lewis** - December 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I will always have wonderful memories of Uncle Ben. As a kid, I always thought he was so handsome and fun, and he always drove those really cool cars! He was so friendly to everyone he met. I didn't see him much in recent years. When I did see him though, it always felt like it hadn't been that long. Uncle Ben will be missed by many people. He was a very special man. His memory will live on for generations to come.

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**Sheri Sliva Kelley** - December 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Our love and prayers are with you through this difficult time...but do remember:

*Death Leaves a Heartache No One Can Heal;*

*Memories Leave a Love No One Can Steal...*

*And Bill O. most certainly made memories in his lifetime!*

*Love, Mary Lea & Bob*

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**The Bob Whites** - December 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ OMG, Ben was one of the special people in radio. I remember a story about some exotic wood being shipped into the Port of Houston. Carved into the wood was a greeting to Ben from the lumberjacks who cut it down in South America! Ben was always helpful about gardening, even for those of us with brown thumbs. I worked with Ben at KPRC-AM for many years. I will miss him.

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**Moss Thornton** - December 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ We will always remember you as a beautiful person and a remarkable talent. We were all in awe of his spirit. Thinking of you at this time.

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**Charlie & Dea Tuft** - December 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ To Sophie and all who loved Ben,

*Not only was Ben a consummate professional whose talent and knowledge far eclipsed that of present-day radio hosts, he was also as kind and encouraging as any man could be. The world of radio has lost an icon. The rest of us have lost a wonderful friend, who will not be forgotten.*

*God bless you, Ben and thank you for who you were and what you gave to all of us.*

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**George & Becky Lasher** - December 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Ben Oldag Family. I had the pleasure of meeting Ben when I was a young boy going to school at Holy Rosary Catholic School. His youngest son Mark and I were in the same grade. We all knew that Ben was a famous radio celebrity, so meeting him was a real treat. His wit and wisdom will be sorely missed. The good Lord needed some help with His plants I suppose so He called the best to come help.*

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**Chris F Stammann** - December 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *I truly miss Ben's knowledge of plants and his willingness to share the knowledge. Loved talking to him and his little buddy Fritz. And his stories I will never forget! My deepest symphay for the Oldag family.*

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**Shelley Hobbs** - December 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Aunt Sophie Ann, Ben & Linda and all family members,  
Please accept our condolences. You will all be in our prayers.  
Sincerely,  
Millie & Carl Hlavinka & family

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**Millie Hlavinka** - December 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ I never met Ben Oldag but felt as if I knew him; I got up early many weekends to listen to him on the radio. He was so kind and patient with all us ignorant gardeners. Another kind soul goes to heaven.  
sincerely  
Frankie Feagins  
Katy TX

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**Frankie Feagins** - December 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Very saddened to see the notice of Ben's death in the Sunday Chronicle. His radio gardening show on KTRH was a staple of my weekends for many, many years. My condolences to the family.

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**Marilyn Harper** - December 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I AM DEEPLY SORRY TO HEAR THAT BEN IS GONE. HE AND I WERE IN THE NAVY "BOOT" CAMP IN EARLT FEBRUARY AND MARCH OF 1951. WE WERE THE ONLY TWO THAT COULD SPEAK AND UNDERSTAND CZECH SO THAT MADE US GOOD "BUDDIES". HE WAS MY INTERPERTER WHEN I RECEIVED SOME MAIL FROM GRANDFATHER WHO WOULD WRITE IN CZECH. HE AND I SPLIT UP AFTER AWHILE IN THE NAVY, BUT I ALWAYS FELT IN TOUCH WITH HIM DOING HIS RADIO BROADCASTS. I MISS YOU BEN. JIM FILLIP

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**james fillip** - December 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *To the Oldag Family,  
I had the pleasure of meeting Ben through my husband, Mike Edmonds, who worked with him at KTRH. I have fond memories of his teasing me about my cooking, offering "advice" on how to be a "good wife" and just generally of how kind he was. I hope he meets up with Mike, as they were both angels who loved their families and loved life.*

*geri konigsberg*

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**Geri Konigsberg** - December 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Uncle Ben,  
Many fond memories will always be treasured from the special times that our families shared. May you be at peace in the heavens above, and may your loved ones here on earth always find happiness in memories of you. Thoughts and prayers are being sent to the family of Uncle Ben. God bless you all.*

*In His name,  
Debby and Mike Coffman*

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**Debby Sliva Coffman** - December 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *I share my sympathy with all the family. Ben's voice and laughter was always so pleasant to listen to. He is an angel in heaven bringing peace to his loved ones on earth. My prayers are with you.*

*God Bless,  
Bernice Sliva*

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**Bernice Sliva** - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Please know that all of you are in our closest thoughts and deepest prayers. We thank God for our good memories of our fun Uncle Ben.

*Blessings,  
Nita & Al Sulak*

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**Nita Sulak** - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM