



Charles "Chuck" H. Crawford

January 4, 1928 - November 13, 2012

A Memorial Service for Charles "Chuck" H. Crawford, 84, of Sugar Land, Texas will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, November 19, 2012 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Chuck was born January 4, 1928 in Silsbee, TX to John Edward and Georgia Francis Mitchell Crawford. He attended Silsbee High School, where he was affectionately called "Bugs" by his close friends. After graduating from high school, Chuck enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in October, 1946. He did his basic training at Camp Pendleton and was stationed with the Fleet Marine Force at Tsingtao, China. He received numerous military awards and was selected among the best marksmen in his unit in China to participate in the preliminary firing of the Marine's Pacific Division rifle and pistol competition which was held in Hawaii.

After his tour of duty in the Marines, he stayed in California to work at Hunter Engineering in Riverside, CA. It was there that he met his "loving wife" of 54 years Marilyn. Chuck earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Long Beach State, but that was no easy feat. A determined Chuck drove an hour each way three times a week from Riverside to Long Beach. He was married with two children and working full-time at Hunter Engineering, but he persevered and stayed the course to graduate.

Chuck was eventually drawn back to his Texas roots. He and his family moved to Houston in 1972, where he began his career with Dow Chemical. Chuck and Marilyn joined the company bowling team, where they made lots of friends over the years. However, Chuck spent most of his time doing things for his family. Chuck was very close to and enjoyed weekly Sunday gatherings with Marilyn's parents; Tommy and Dolly Hayes. Chuck also enjoyed swimming and doing a variety of things with his kids. He was the Treasurer of Sharpstown Little League for several seasons, coached his son's little league baseball teams and Tiger Fun Football. Chuck also spent hours playing catch with his daughters, teaching them the proper techniques to catch and throw. He never missed a game when his two girls played Lady Bug Softball over the years. He also enjoyed camping trips with his family and friends and loved his annual fishing trips to Toledo Bend with his high school buddies. No matter who was playing, Chuck loved watching college football and baseball. He loved watching Astros games, especially when Nolan Ryan pitched. Chuck was a Dallas Cowboy fan which made for fun times on Thanksgiving Day, when his family's favorite team the Oilers played the Cowboys.

Upon retiring from Dow Chemical, Chuck and his family moved back to California and lived there for almost a decade before returning once again to Texas. Later in life, Chuck enjoyed every minute with his family. He loved to sit and talk, try new food and to make chili for everyone when the temperatures dropped. Visits from Judy and Chris Hayes as they passed through town in their motorhome were always a special treat.

In 1995, Chuck was diagnosed with lung cancer and had a portion of his lung removed. He struggled for many years just to breathe, but he had a strong will to live and somehow kept fighting to beat the odds. Chuck's battle ended on Tuesday, November 13th, when Chuck passed away peacefully at his home in Sugar Land.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and brother, John Edward Crawford.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marilyn D. Crawford; his two daughters, Shelly and Laurie, his son Steve and his wife, Michele; grandchildren Travis Crawford, Jake Crawford and Hayley Uehlinger; his sister, Helen Sweatman; and a handful of nieces and nephews, along with other family, friends and neighbors.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Chuck to The Wounded Warriors Project or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471. Phone: 281-341-8800.

Words of condolence may be left for the Crawford family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Tribute Wall

LN

“ *I'm very sorry for the loss your family has suffered. My prayers are with your family during this hard time.*

LeeAnn Norvell - November 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I loved Mr. Crawford! Such a nice and welcoming man. Always made you feel special when you walked into his home. Shelly, Steve and Lori - you were so blessed to have a wonderful dad in your life for so many years! He and your mom created 3 wonderful children. You have so many great memories to talk about and share with your own families! I KNOW you will miss him. Please know you have been in my prayers, you too Mrs. Crawford, from the moment I heard of his passing. I love your whole family very much!*

Tibby - November 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I'm very sorry for the loss your family has suffered.*

Rest in peace, sir!

Barry Turney - November 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My heart prays for you all and wishes God's Blessings to ease the pain.*

L Nannette Crawford-Norris - November 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *What a wonderful life and a wonderful family man.*

Jennifer Trevino - November 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Laurie, Steve, Shelly, and Mrs. Crawford:

I am so sorry for your loss. I hope it brings comfort to you to know he is no longer suffering and in a better place.

Nicole Marraccini - November 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM