



Elmer Edwin Ed Burks

February 13, 1930 - April 12, 2009

Elmer Edwin Ed Burks, devoted husband, father and grandfather, passed away April 12, 2009 at his home in Richmond, Texas. Mr. Burks was born February 13, 1930 in Ventura, California. He graduated from Woodbury College in Los Angeles, California in 1951 with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree with a major in higher accountancy. Mr. Burks retired from Shell Oil Company in 1987 after 36 years of service. At the time of his retirement, he was the Manager of Product Accounting - Oil. He was a past member of the Petroleum Accountants Society of Houston and a member of the Parkinson Foundation of Harris County.

He is survived by his wife of over 56 years, Patsy Pat; their children, son, Brad Burks and wife, Robin, of Richmond, daughter, Holly Taylor and husband, Kenny, of Richmond, daughter, Leah Evert-Burks and husband, Kip, of Santa Barbara, California; grandchildren, Bryan and Tyler Burks, Becky Taylor, Heather Norcross and husband, Ryan, Marisela and Ivan Evert-Burks, Tiffany Stabou and husband, Said, and Patrick Motschenbacher and wife, Susan; sister, Mary Lou Olsen and husband, Roy, of Ventura, California.

Mr. Burks loved his country, home, Nascar and motorcross racing and big band music. He loved his family deeply and had a wonderful sense of humor. We will all miss our PaPa.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 A. M., Thursday, April 16, 2009 at First Baptist Church in Richmond with Reverend John Lockhart officiating the service.

We wish to thank Odyssey Hospice and Lupe Rodriguez for 5 years of tender care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson Foundation of Harris County, 7457 Harwin, Suite 308, Houston, Texas, 77036 or to your favorite charity.

Words of condolence may be left for the Burks family at www.davisgreenlawnh.com.

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

Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Burks, Leah and the rest of the family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I will always remember when Leah and I were in high school and we would get in the hot tub at night and Mr. Burks would ALWAYS be there with warm robes for us to put on when we got out. He was a very caring, funny and loving husband and father. Mrs. Burks, I have seen the way you have cared for him over the past years and you have been a true inspiration to me. What a wonderful family the two of you created. All my love.*

Kathy Horne - April 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“*Dear Pat and family, We are sorry to learn of Ed's passing. We will remember him and our fun times during Brad and Rick's racing days. May God be with you and our continued prayers will be with each of you as you face this sad loss and the change in your lives.*

James & Marylene Weir - April 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Mrs. Burks
Please accept my condolences on the loss of your husband. I first got to know Ed when I went to work for Shell in 1957 in Los Angeles. I had the great fortune to have him as my first boss and I couldn't have asked for a better leader. Ed was always supportive , unflappable when I made an error and just an all around good guy. Our paths crossed many times in the next 30 years and Ed never changed from being a hard worker, a good boss and always a good guy. I greatly benefitted from my relationship with Ed and I know many others would say the same thing. I expect Ed would want everyone to think of all the good events in his life and not dwell on his passing. I will do that and I am sure your entire family will do the same.
With Sincere Regards
Keith Kern

Keith Kern - April 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your family's loss. I did not know your father, holly but i know you cared for him. I was always so blessed by you and your mother in the way that you cared for your father. It made me hope that if ever faced in the same circumstance that I would be as strong and willing to serve with the same heart and devotion as you have. You are the most warm and caring person i know. I know my Father in heaven is looking down on you and saying well done, my good and faithful servant. God bless you and your family.
Love, Christina

Christina - April 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Burks Family:

We wanted to let you know that you are all in our thoughts during this time, and although we never met Ed personally, we feel we know him through all of our wonderful times with Leah and her family! Leah has shared MANY special memories and thoughts of her 'dad' with us over the years, and Pat I will never forget meeting you at GBMI years ago! No doubt Ed was an incredible man who has left a measurable imprint in this world and touched many lives. Our deepest sympathies and much love to you all from California!

Steve Eden and Jon Tanaka

Steve Eden and Jon Tanaka - April 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *My sincere condolences to you Mrs. Burks, Leah, Holly and the rest of the family. I have such fond memories as a teenager coming over and talking to Mr. Burks and hearing his jokes! Yes he had a fabulous sense of humor!!! I'm sorry I am unable to attend the Celebration of Life service but know my thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Diana Merritt Carney - April 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM