



## Ernest L. Croucher, Jr.

November 25, 1936 - August 29, 2016

in Miami, Florida on November 25, 1936, the son of Ernest L. and Birdie Croucher. He was raised in Florida but as soon as he moved to the Houston area he became a loyal die-hard Texan.

Ernie was a proud patriot, having served in the Special Forces during the Vietnam War, where he received the Purple Heart. He attended Auburn University, and was a proud War Eagle and member of the Greater Houston Auburn Alumni Club until the day he died.

He worked for Goodyear and Exxon in sales but found his true calling as an auctioneer. Ernie put his auctioneering talents to work in Fort Bend and surrounding counties and was always willing to lend his talents to any charity event in the area. He was a lifetime member and past president of the Texas Auctioneers Association. One of the proudest moments of his life came in 2015 when he was inducted into that organization's Hall of Fame.

Ernie believed in supporting the youth in our area, and loved the rodeo. He was a lifetime member of both the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Fort Bend County Fair. He was a member of the Horspitality Committee for HLSR working with horse show exhibitors. He was proud that his work contributed to the education of young people in the area. Ernie also supported area youth through his longtime support of the Fort Bend County ARC and his

support for his wife, Beverly, in her career as an educator in Fort Bend ISD.

He was a strong supporter of the Second Amendment and of local law enforcement, and was a graduate of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Citizens Academy. He was also a member of the Fort Bend Historical Society.

Ernie is survived by his loving wife Beverly, daughter Melanie Farris and Kelly, daughter Melissa Croucher, sister Barbara Branch and Tommy, brother-in-law Russell Davis and Carol, sister-in-law Wanda Roberson and Leonard, and special nieces Donna McCollum and Mark, Dee Cathey and Mark, Lauren Davis, Jana Davis, and Lisa Johnson and Chris. He is also survived by several great-nieces and great-nephews, and friends and neighbors who will miss him dearly.

A family visitation will be held Thursday, September 1, from 6-8 p.m. at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg. Funeral services will be held Friday, September 2, at 10 a.m. in the Davis-Greenlawn Chapel followed by burial in the Veterans Section of the Davis-Greenlawn Cemetery.

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

Please make donations in Ernie's name to the American Heart Association.

# Tribute Wall



“ *my condolences*

October 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

**"Our Father in the Heavens" Matthew 6:9** - September 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Beverly and family...So sorry for your loss! Ernie was truly one of a kind and had a heart of gold! Sending love and prayers during this time of sorrow. May God's grace and mercy be with you.*

**Michele Riggs-Labus** - September 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear about Ernie. He was the perfect "fast talker", great person, and someone who always brought a smile to your face. He will be missed so very much. Jean and Tom NowlinFort Bend CPA*

**Jean and Tom Nowlin** - September 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Beverly, our prayers and thoughts are with you. We're very sorry for your loss. My little boy Leonardo, my mom and I are going to miss Ernie so much.*

**Ana Barrera and Yolanda Coria** - September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We will miss you Ernie, a good friend and great person.

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**Jack W. Van Hauen** - September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Bev, Joe and I wanted to express our deepest condolences to you. Ernie was truly a special individual and we loved his gruff talk and soft heart. We feel fortunate for having shared fun times at the Auburn games with you both. He truly lived life to the fullest and we will miss him deeply.

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**laura & joe freudenberger** - September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Beverly and family, I am so sorry to hear about Ernie's passing. I just found out about 5 minutes ago. Had I known earlier I would have been there in person. On behalf of the cub scouts and parents from Pack 38 in New Territory, I want to send our deepest condolences and most sincere sympathy to you and your family. Ernie has a special place in our hearts, especially mine! He was and will always be a friend! We will miss his gentle smile and great personalities! Pack 38 love you and your family! Rest in peace Mr. Croucher. We will see you on the other side, sir.

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**Long Pham** - September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ R.I.P. Brother Vietnam Vet.

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**Stephen Jaffe** - September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Thanks for everything my friend Fort Bend County CPA

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**Deputy Charles Sonnier** - September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ We are offering prayer and peace for Earnie's family. We have great memories of a great auctioneer. His friendship and support will always be remembered. Rest in peace my friend and we will cross paths again.

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**Tim Assiter** - September 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Ernie will be missed by many. We are very sorry for your loss. Many of us have lost a good friend.

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**Ronnie Garner** - September 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Croucher Family,  
We were saddened to hear of Ernie's passing. He was always a welcome visitor, inviting host and verbose guest. He could hold court in any arena and not miss a beat. I hope all of us will grow to have the interpersonal skills of the "old War Eagle". We will miss him and his subtle and not so subtle humor. Know that he was loved and touched many lives.

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**Joel Nickles** - September 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Well, Buckeroo, I will miss our talks and visits. You will be missed. It was a pleasure to know you and an honor to be your friend through the years.

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**Rob Cook** - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ My beloved Bro

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**Russ Davis** - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Godspeed Ernie. Thanks for the memories.*

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**Scott Swenson** - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Beverly- Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Ernie was a good friend and we loved him! We will miss his auctions. Call us if you need anything.*

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**Judy & Larry Shaefer** - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *It was a true pleasure to have known you Ernie. God speed.*

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**Jim Bartosh** - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Beverly, I am really going to miss the visits and stories. He always made me laugh when he came in. He will always be one of my favorite people!  
My deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

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**Beth Shelton** - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Beverly and Family, I am so sorry to hear about my dear friend and HOF member. Ernie has been a friend and real "hoot" to know. What I liked about him most was you never had to worry about where he stood because Ernie would tell you in a minute. He was hilariously funny and would take funnin and give it out in the same spirit. Unfortunately I can't come to the funeral we are at auction that weekend as we always are on the first Saturday of the month. But please know, Sheila and I are praying for you. May God Bless you by His presence during this time, Sincerely John and Sheila Sisk

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**John Sisk** - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM