



## Billy Tompkins

November 3, 1934 - June 28, 2012

Services for Billy Ben Tompkins, 77, of Chandler, will be held on Monday, July 2, 2012, at 10:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel in Tyler with Rev. Buddy Powell and Rev. Derek Rogers officiating. Burial with Masonic Rites will follow at Chandler Memorial Cemetery in Chandler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Tompkins passed away Thursday, June 28, 2012 at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital. He was born November 3, 1934 in Brownsboro to Grady and Delia Welch Tompkins. He lived his entire lifetime in the Brownsboro-Chandler area. Mr. Tompkins was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Brownsboro since his childhood. He was a School Board Trustee for Brownsboro ISD for over 18 years; member of Masonic Lodge #1051 in Brownsboro, where he was past Master and fifty plus year member and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite; member of Sharon Shriners Temple and a member of Tyler Masonic Lodge #1233. He was on the Board of Directors at the First State Bank of Brownsboro since 1982 and past Board of Director of Region 7 Amature Field Trial Association. Throughout his life he enjoyed raising and training bird dogs and competing in field trials. He graduated from Brownsboro High School and East Texas State College in Commerce. Mr. Tompkins taught school in Crystal City and LaPoynor until going to work for Kelly Springfield in 1962, being the 23rd local person to be hired. He retired as the Business Center Manager in 1996. In addition to his parents, Mr. Tompkins was preceded in death by his two sisters, Audrey "Sis" Smith and Dorothy "Dot" Currin. He is survived by his

loving family including his wife of 51 years, Emogene Lewis Tompkins of Chandler; sons, Billy Clayton Tompkins and wife Tina of Athens and Ty Tompkins and wife Belinda of Chandler; daughter, Tonya Tompkins of Chandler; grandchildren, Colby Elkins, Matt Tompkins, Lacy Basile, Jacobi Parker, Josh Parker and Jaclyn Gentry; six great-grandchildren; sister, Nell Dodd of Nixa, Missouri; Roger Goodsell, whom he thought of as a son and very special friend, Arthur Oubre. Pallbearers will be Josh Fulgham, Jeff Fulgham, Larry Lewis, Steve Currin, Brett Currin, Amos "Bug" Harmon III, Dan Horton and Bill Horton. Honorary pallbearers will be Joey Fitzgerald, Tony Terrell, Dean Campbell, men of the First United Methodist Church of Brownsboro and First State Bank of Brownsboro Board of Directors. Visitation is scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 PM on Sunday, July 1, 2012 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler. If desired, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Brownsboro, P.O. Box 154, Brownsboro, TX. 75756

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Friends,

*WE are so sorry for your sadness in Mr. Tompkins going to heaven. We rejoice with the knowledge he is living it up in Heaven! His Peace and our prayers are with you.*

*Love,*

*The Eichelbergers*

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**Sandra Eichelberger** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Billy was only 12 when I was born to his oldest sister Audrey. He nick named me 'Annie' by the time I was a year old. At 64 now we had many good years & wonderful memories - though my heart aches to say good bye. I pray for Emo, Clay, Tonya & Ty. A Void That will forever ever remain. Uncle Billy's family & friends were his world. To know him was to love him. He touched many lives. Some day we will have the ultimate Tompkins Family Reunion ! Until then, my precious uncle I love & will miss you so. your Annie.*

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**sheila ann cox** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ *Tompkins family. I am so sorry for your loss; you are in my prayers.*

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**Nancy McCall** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ The first time I met Mr. Tompkins, I loved him. He treated me like family and always has. I admired him the minute I met him and have continued to admire him through the years. He later became known as Big Pappa to me and I don't think I ever called him Mr. Tompkins again after he acquired that name Big Pappa. My kids called him Big Pappa and thought of him as an extra Grandpa. I know he is rejoicing in heaven and running dogs. Emogene, Clay, Tonya, Ty and Colby...you will all have a special angel watching over you and he will always be smiling. He loved you all so much and was exceptionally proud of all of you. I know we will all miss him but there is no more pain for him and I bet he is talking to all the other angels tonight about each of his family members, friends, horses and dogs! I love you Big Pappa and you will never be forgotten! I will continue to pray for all the loved ones you have here on earth.

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**Bonnie, Lindsey & Lauren Loehr** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and tomorrow. We didn't get to know Billy very well, but Jim recalls one conversation he had with him where he got to know him better, maybe at the one reunion I remember he attended. He certainly seemed like a fine man and was so active in his community. Those are good memories for you at this time.

*We wish we could be there, but we will try to come in your direction later on this year.*

*Love to all, Emogene, Ty and Belinda, and Tonya and Colby and the rest of Billy's family.*

*Love,*

*Sarah and Jim (Jamie)*

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**Jim and Sarah Wilkinson** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Matt and the Tompkins Family,  
Please accept our sincere heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your  
loved one.  
We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

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June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Our condolences to the Tompkins family. Especially, Ms. Emogene,  
we love you!

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**Jason Reagan** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



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**kcidgimcp** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM