



C. Durossette

May 25, 1924 - December 11, 2005

C. R. "Smokie" Durossette was born in Haskell, Oklahoma on May 25, 1924 and passed away peacefully on December 11, 2005 in Tyler. After graduating from high school in Haskell, Oklahoma, Smokie married Bonnie Jean Rankin on July 9, 1944 and shared sixty-one wonderful years together. After serving in the United States Navy during World War II, Smokie received an honorable discharge and returned to Oklahoma to attend Oklahoma State University and receive a Petroleum Engineering degree. He then went to work for Halliburton and his thirty year career with Halliburton was highlighted by living seven years in London, England and traveling the world. In 1984 Smokie retired to Lake Palestine fulfilling his dream to live in East Texas on a lake and enjoy fishing and golfing. He was a member of the Broadway Church of Christ church and has resided at the Pinehurst Alzheimer's Special Care Center since 2001. Mr. Durossette is survived by his wife of sixty-one years, Jean Durossette; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Gana Durossette of Flint and Randy and Terri Durossette of Lake Palestine; and two grandchildren, Kirk Durossette of Atlanta, Georgia, and Allison Durossette of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., south Tyler 75703. Smokie will be laid to rest Thursday in Haskell, Oklahoma. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Alliance of NE Texas, 3613 S, Broadway Ave., Tyler, TX 75701 or Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Smokey was a fine fellow. We worked together on several Cumberland Ridge projects. He was always available and worked hard to improve the community. I visited him a few times at the care center. He always recognized me and talked about activities we participated in.*
GOD BLESS THE FAMILY. Our thoughts are with you at this time.

Don & Betty Garrison - December 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Dear Gary and Gana,*

I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. He must have been a good, good man. I can tell that from the life and character of his son. I hope and pray that you will have many wonderful memories, and that your family times will remind you of the good life he lived. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Your brother in Christ,
Mike Massar

Mike Massar - December 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *A wonderful man, husband and father and friend who has and will be missed by many friends.*

Our love to you, Jean, and all the family. Our prayers are with you during this time.

Johnny & Jo and many friends from Hamilton Park

Johnny & Jo Anders - December 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *It was a priveledge to have cared for such a sweet person. I will always remember Smokie as a man with a desire for life. I enjoyed seeing him smile and visiting with him. My prayers and thoughts are with each of you as you start a new chapter in your lives. I am here for you if you need me.*

*Sincerely,
Amy Denning, RN*

Amy J. Denning, RN - December 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Randy,
I was very sorry to see your dad's obituary in the paper today. I would have liked to have come to the visitation this evening but I had jury duty and we were there until after 6:00 pm. I still remember going out to your dad's home Lake Palestine with you and seeing your Dad. I know that he must have loved his home on the lake. Give me a call one of these days when you have time and I will buy some liquid refreshment.*

Jim Hubley

Jim Hubley - December 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Randy,
Thoughts and prayers for you and your family during the passing of your father.
I will always remember "Smokey" as a gentle, but firm father and family man and I've always known what a positive role he had in your life. He will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.*

Robby Davidson - December 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ To the family of Mr. C. R. "Smokie" Durosette

Please permit me to express my sympathy in the passing of Smokie. We were together in school at Stillwater and later had the opportunity to renew acquaintances in Midland when he was here with Halliburton and I was at Texaco. Again, my sympathy.

*Jack D. Glenn
OAMC '50*

Jack D. Glenn - December 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *My thoughts are with the entire Durossette Family on this solemn day. You have my sincere wishes for God's love and continued blessings to you all.*

Please know that you have the love and friendship of Randy J. Boatright & Family

Randy J. Boatright - December 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Randy & family,

You have been on my mind frequently since I found out about the death of your father and my deepest sympathies are with you and your family.

I never knew Smokie and, as far as that goes, have not had many opportunities to get to know you. But I have enjoyed the few times we have crossed paths and my heart goes out to you as a friend. As someone who has not had to face the reality of losing a parent I can only imagine how difficult it must be.

I wish that peace and strength be with you and your family to get you through this difficult time.

David Gaines - December 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *This is from my father, Buster Hogan of Leonard, Oklahomma to the Smokey Durossette family. Smokey was Buster's 2nd cousin once removed, but they all grew up together--the Hogan's, Durossette's, Hughes, & Dunlap's and all seemed like brothers and sisters. We were shocked to hear of Smokey's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathies.*

*Buster Hogan
(daughter) Brenda Hogan Foutch
August 8, 2006*

Brenda Hogan Foutch - December 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM