



Mary Prud'homme

February 15, 1938 - July 5, 2009

Mrs. Mary Prud'homme died on Sunday July 5, 2009 in Tyler, Texas. Mary was born in Hemphill, Texas on February 15, 1938, to Pete and Rosie Lee Procell. Mary's unselfish contribution to service in her community has been her love. Mary was involved with the East Texas Fair for over 20 years and served on the executive committee, including President, for over ten years. She also served on the Tyler Catholic School Foundation for twenty years. Key organizations were Girl Scouts USA; American Heart Association Board-CPR Instructor; Tyler YMCA- past president; Trinity Mother Frances Hospital Foundation Board; Smith County Medical Alliance; Smith County Drug and Alcohol; Tyler Catholic School Board; Immaculate Conception Altar Society; East Texas Cattle-Ettes, East Texas Piney Woods Cattlewomen, Texas Cattlewomen, PTA, Smith County Forage & Livestock, Texas Beef Council. Mary's passion to volunteer work in her community has not gone unnoticed. She received the Green and Gold Award, Tejas Girl Scout Council "Outstanding Adult Award in 1984; Tyler Woman of the Year 1991; Woman on the Move for Business and Professional Women; Golden Book Award from the World Simmental Federation; Texas CattleWoman of the Year 2001 and the distinguished East Texas State Fair Family of the Year for 2008. Preceded in death are her parents, Rosie Lee and Pete Procell, her brothers, Jimmie Procell, and Peter Paul Procell. Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Joseph Prud'homme Sr., her children, Carol Davis and husband, Doug, of New York City, Sharon Waldrep and husband, Mark, of Arlington,

Joseph Prud'homme, Jr. and wife, Amanda, of Kennedale, Steven Prud'homme of Fort Worth and Sheila Prud'homme of Dallas; Sisters Alice Procell of Hemphill, Martha Barcheers of Hemphill, Shirley Marsh and husband, Jim, of Jasper and Linda Wright and husband, Jim, of Beaumont; Grandchildren, Robby Garrett and wife, Tiffany, of Frisco, Danika and Ashton Waldrep of Arlington, Kian Ross of New York, Emily and Joseph Prud'homme III of Kennedale; Great grandchild- Robby Garrett Jr.- Frisco. Pallbearers are Herd Snider, Virgil Gonzalez, Vince Richbourg, Mark Tillman, Mark Waldrep, Cedric Golden and Bill Barcheers. The family will welcome visitors at Stewart Family Funeral Home from 5:30 – 6:30 on Tuesday, July 7th, with the Rosary to follow at 6:30pm. The Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday July 8th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church with Monsignor Joseph Strickland and Monsignor Milam Joseph officiating. Entombment will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler, Texas. Memorials can be made to East Texas State Fair/Park of East Texas Building Fund, 2112 W. Front Street, Tyler, TX 75702 or Tyler Catholic School Foundation, P.O. Box 131175, Tyler, TX 75713 The family would like to thank Tyler Hematology & Oncology Associates, her doctors and the ETMC Cardiac ICU nurses for the excellent care they provided. .

Tribute Wall

TM

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Prudhomme family. Mrs. Prudhomme is a great lady. Please let me know if I can help in any way.*
Tim

Tim Maloney - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *We were all lucky to be part of Mrs. Prud'homme's life. What a wonderful person always so caring toward whomever she met. Always greeted me with a smile when I knocked at the door at 6am in the morning, smirking while telling me Joey and Steven were not yet awake nor really wanted to go to work on the ranch the hot summer mornings. Always understood when she heard that Joey's, Steven's and/or I broke some else on the ranch- telling Dr. Prud'homme that we were only kids. What a wonderful person, She will be missed.*

God bless Mrs. Prud'homme. You are in our prayers.

Kevin, Terri and Logan Maloney - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Mary Prud'homme*

Mike and Jane Coker - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Mary: a lady in the purest form always greeted you with a smile, laughed often, pioneered, made history, encouraged endeavors of our communities youth, and supported the cattle industry. Her boots were made for walking and will never be filled. Her childrens' success gave her great pleasure. Her drive was supporting her husbands' dedication to the cattle industry, the future of our youth and love for this country. Thanks to God, Dr. Joe and the Prud'homme family for sharing your angel with us before she joined the heavenly choir. My sympathy to family and friends.*

Marilynn Wilson

Marilynn Wilson - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Carol, Dean sends his love.*

Gloria Coughenour - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Joe and Family. We were so sorry to hear about Mary. She was a very special person that we know will be greatly missed. Please know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Bill and Debbie*

Bill and Debbie Crowe - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ I met Mary when I began working on the Executive Board of Texas Cattlewomen. I fell in love with Mary instantly. We shared a special bond because I have had breast cancer and we both loved Texas Cattlewomen. I sent Mary meaningful emails I had received to help cheer her when she became ill again. Mary would often email me saying I had made her day by something I had sent. Mary was a special lady, a special friend and I loved her dearly. I shall miss her and think of her often. May God Bless You and give you strength in the future when reality sets in and you know she's not there with loving arms to welcome you. We do have the promise that we'll see her once again when we receive our heavenly reward. I wrote a poem called *THE EMPTY CHAIR* when another dear friend of mine passed on. I would like to send the family a copy for I think its very fitting at this time.

Naida Davis - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ With deep heart felt sympathy to Dr. Joe and Family- Mary- A Great and Wonderful Woman, who always influenced the best in everyone she was around. I thank GOD for her. Sending Our loving Thoughts and Deepest Prayers, Roxi, Kara and Reese Pinkerton

Roxi Pinkerton - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ We are thinking and praying for your family at this time. We love you.

Turnette & Tim Truitt

Turnette & Tim Truitt - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *What a wonderful family! Mary was such a sweet lady, wife, mother and "Grandma". Sydney and Sadie refer to her as Grandma too. We have had many fun times at the Prud'homme home. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Terry, Ann, Sydney & Sadie Waldrep - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mary was loved by everyone she met and I know well the pain of losing a loved one as I lost my dad 6 weeks ago. May the lord keep his arms around you and give you peace as you face this long trial. God Bless You.*
Teresa Avent Hodge

Teresa Avent Hodge - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ *Our hearts are with you in our prayers. We prayed for a miracle and God just wanted her with him so the miracle is in HIS hands. She left so many memories with everyone she met so her life was certainly lived for OTHERS. Remember we love you and pray for peace that only comes from God.*

Venita and Turner

Venita and Turner Smith - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mary was a blessing in our lives and we will miss her.*
Lonny and Kelley Uzzell

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SS

“*Mary was such a strong, positive influence on my experience as a Texas CattleWoman. I've missed her since she hasn't been able to travel and miss her eyes and her smile. She touched many! in ways she probably didn't realize. She will be missed. I can't make the trip as I am visiting family in California but will have masses said at our little church in High Hill for our beautiful Mary.*

Susie Shank - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FS

“*To Joe and all the family, especially to Linda, I know you will all miss Mary so much and just wanted you to know that my prayers are with you. May we all meet again in that Heavenly home.*

Sincerely, Faye

Faye Eddins Smmith - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“*I know your heart is breaking Joe and our hearts and prayers are with you and your family.
A truly remarkable, beautiful "Lady" and we loved her so - she gave me such confidence just walking into the room. Always willing to help me thru "sticky" situations with convention and any decision I had to make while at TSSA.
If there is anything Skipper and I can do, please let us know.
God Bless and Keep you Mary.*

Judy & Skipper Hill - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. What a precious gift we have had to call Mary and the entire family our friends.*

Mary Scholl, David Scholl, Denise Lewis - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ I knew Mary through the ETSF, Cattlettes, and the Agriworld Educational Program (ETSF). She was a "super" lady and will be missed terribly. My thoughts and prayers are with you, the family, at this sad time.

Tracey Rounsavall - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Mary will be greatly missed. I met her during a convention with the Texas CattleWomen. It was always a pleasure visiting with her. She always had a smile to warm your heart. My sincere regards to the her family.

Tina Loeffler - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ We love you.

Steven Roberts - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. Please let us know if we can do anything.

Kelly Loter/LEVELTWO Adv - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Just thinking of you at this time. You are in our prayers.

Ruth Hughes - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Did not know her well but the few times we met she was very kind and gracious
you have my prayers in your time of loss
Jeff D Hurley

Jeff D. Hurley - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Mary was very special to me. She taught me a lot during the time that we worked together. Mary was not just someone that I worked for but someone that I looked up to. She was such a strong lady. I enjoyed her company and will miss her greatly. I am blessed to have known such a wonderful woman.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family. If there is anything I can do please let me know. Love, Heather

Heather Swilley - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Mitzi Mitchell - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ You are a childhood memory I will NEVER forget! So glad that you are with our Savior in Heaven.

Marie Trammell - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Mary has been a loyal and dear friend to me since second grade. She was my first friend when I started school in Hemphill. When I was shy and scared about going to school, she held out her hand to me, and we went to play. Everything was all right after that.*

I love and admire her greatly and consider her to be one of the very finest people that I have ever known. I know that she is with the Lord and that she is totally healed. We are not ready for her to leave us, but our Lord does not make mistakes, and He was ready for her to be "present with Him." She will always live in my heart.

Bobbie Pratt

Class of '56 HHS

Bobbie Pratt - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Our prayers are with the Prud'homme family. Mary was a great lady and leaves a great legacy through her children and grandchildren and the many works she performed during her lifetime.*

Ronald Barlow - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Frances & Barbara Sue join me in extending our sympathy upon Mary's passing.*

Brings back many memories of our school days at Hemphill.

Our Best Wishes to all of you.

Jack Taylor - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ I met and worked with Mary during Texas CattleWomen Conventions. I always admired her lovely demeanor and her dedication to the task she had before her. I am truly going to miss her as she was one of my favorite CattleWomen Sisters. My heartfelt sympathy goes to all of you, you truly have lost a warm, loving member of your family.

Joyce Zientek - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Sheila,
I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to you and your family! I know that there is nothing that can be said or done to make your loss any easier, but please know that there are many people praying for you, your family and your mother! May you find comfort knowing that she is with God and that she will always be in the hearts of those who loved her.
God bless you,
Maevine Pugh

Maevine Pugh - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Mrs. Mary was a great boss and friend (along with Doc) to our son Bryan and wife Carrie. She was a true role model in her faith and love for her family. We were blessed to have had her in our childrens lives.

Craig and Maureen Mason - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We would like to express our condolence to the Purd'homme family. Mary contributed so much to our community. No one has given so much to her family and others as she has. She was the most precious and dedicated person we ever knew. May God bless you and give you strength during this time of your loss. Our prayers will be with you.

Jim & Mildred Cunningham - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dr. Prud'homme:
We were so sorry to hear about your beloved Mary. Our thoughts and prayers are with you forever.

Billie & Gene Strickland - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Gosh I do not know where to begin...your Mother was wonderful, she would light up the room with her smile, her heart was so warm and soft, she gave so much of herself to the community. The childhood memories of Shelia and I playing softball with Joey and Sharron are wonderful and will be with me for a life time..My prayers are with the whole family, may the Lord wrap his arms around you all and comfort you, embarrassing you with his strength during this time of healing....My deepest sympathy.. May God Bless your family.

Amber Maloy - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ You often hear people say "home away from home", in my case, it was "family away from family. I moved from Missouri not knowing a single person in Tyler due to a promotion with the company that I worked for in Missouri. I was fortunate to become involved with a softball team and was introduced and became friends with many. My good fortune was the Prud'homme family. Mrs. Prud'homme did not hesitate to treat me as if I were one of her own. Involvement with family outings, a good round of tennis on a Sunday afternoon, bull/cow sales and assisting with some of the leg work that went along with putting those together, etc. The door was always open as was her heart! She will be dearly missed as she watches over all of us.

Sharon Landolt Havis - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow. The graduating class of 1956 will deeply miss Mary and Joe at their yearly class reunions in May each year. Mary always had a smile for everyone.
May God Bless The Prud'homme family
Rufus & Emilie Maxey

Rufus Maxey - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Although I haven't seen Mary Jo in over 50 years, I remember her unique beauty. She was one of our twin drum majors and I always looked up to her. Her brother, Pete was my classmate. May God bless your beautiful family. Clara Howell Murphy

Clara Howell Murphy - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My heart goes out to the family. The Prud'hommes have been family friends for as long as my memory serves. They treat you as their own and Ms. Mary's love was true and genuine. Joey and I became close when he gave me my first student teaching job at Gorman in 1989. We would go out to the ranch and dove hunt all the time. Joey moved on and got married, but I was still welcomed at the ranch whenever I wanted to go. I would always call Doc and make sure it was ok to go out there. Many times Ms. Mary would pick up the phone and her response would be, go have fun, be careful and if there is a problem, tell them to call me. Well a lot of people called you Ms. Mary and are forever in your debt as you always solved the problem. God bless.

Jim & Amy Cunningham - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM