



Paul Bennett

April 20, 1929 - August 15, 2011

Services for Paul A. Bennett, 82 of Tyler, will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Colonial Hills Baptist Church with Rev. Robert Carter and Rev. Bobby Land officiating. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler, Texas under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Bennett passed away on Monday, August 15, 2011 at home. He was born April 20, 1929 in Hamilton, Texas to Noah Amon Bennett and Annie Stella Moss Bennett. He moved to Tyler in 1940 and attended Tyler schools. He served in the Texas National Guard. Paul married Jeanette Rouse on November 8, 1952. In 1960 he formed a partnership with Wiley Holman and W.W. Phillips known as Holman-Bennett-Phillips Equipment. He was a Case heavy equipment dealer for over 36 years, serving two terms on the J I Case Dealer Council. He also served on the Dealer Councils for Champion Equipment and the Alamo Group. In the late 1970's he assumed full ownership of Bennett Equipment. Mr. Bennett sold the business and retired in 1996. He was a charter member and former trustee of Colonial Hills Baptist Church. He organized a men's volunteer group at Breckenridge Village of Tyler and was active in numerous volunteer endeavors. He had a servant's heart and was always ready to help anyone in need.

Paul is survived by his wife, Jeanette Bennett; daughter Kay Bennett McKie and husband David K. McKie Jr. of Denton; son Paul W. and wife Janet Risley Bennett of Dallas; granddaughters Meredith McKie of Frisco and Lindsay McKie of Santiago, Chile; sisters Maxine Dul of Chicago, IL.,

Margaret Carlson of Iron Mountain, MI., Eleanor England of Louisville, KY., and Bernice Baradel of Pasadena, MD. Pallbearers will be James Black, Bill Sanders, Pete Hughes, Bill Davis, Bill Tucker, John Danaher, Maurice Carter, and Danny Rozell. Honorary pallbearers will be the Men's Volunteer Group of Breckenridge Village of Tyler, The Disciples Sunday School Class of Colonial Hills Baptist Church, former employees of Bennett Equipment and lifelong friend Jack Grier. Visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 2011 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler. Memorials in honor of Paul A. Bennett may be made to Breckenridge Village of Tyler, 15062 Pleasant Retreat Road, Tyler, Texas 75704 or the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 2050, Tyler, Texas 75710.

Tribute Wall

MY

“ *Uncle Paul taught me by example. Always in service to others, he impressed me as a man who knew what was needed of him. Ever busy helping someone. A loving family man.*

I am lucky to have had him as an Uncle.

Love and sincere condolences to Aunt Jeannette, Kay and husband David McKie, Meredith Mckie and Lindsay McKie, Paul Bennett Jr and wife Janet Bennett.

Marsha Rouse York - August 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Paul Bennett will be remembered as a man who loved the Lord and served others. May God Bless the family at this time.*

Linda Tileston - August 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Kay, David, our prayers are with you and for you during this time of sorrow. We hurt for you but know our Heavenly Father is faithful to comfort you and to bring to mind great memories of time with your father. The life lessons and the love for God that he taught you is a lasting legacy to you, your children and your grandchildren.*

Kevin and Rachel Master - August 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Jeanette, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Dell Pettigrew - August 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Mr. Bennett was a fine man that will be greatly missed. Our most sincere condolences to his family.*

David and Lyn Miller

David M. Miller - August 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Our family's prayers and condolences to all of the Bennett family. I have such fond memories of Mr. Bennett during visits to his home and family events with David and Kay, and most recently during our vacation in Angel Fire, NM a few summers ago.*

David Smith - August 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *To my wonderful baby brother, thanks for everything. Miss you so much, but I know you are in a better place. Rest in peace, love you always.*

To Jeanette & Family, So sorry I am unable to be there, you have my deepest sympathies. So glad we got to see you in July. My thoughts & prayers & all my love.

Margaret Carlson - August 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ When I was in High School and TJC Paul hired me to work in his parts department. He let me set my schedule around school and always told me that my education came first and the job second. I have never met a more kind a generous man. When I went to Viet Nam he was a great support to my dad and mom. Later in life our relationship turned from former employee to friend. I will truly miss him. Never saw him without a smile and glad to see you. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Larry Gilley - August 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ We were so sad to hear about Uncle Paul passing away. Having just seen him for the reunion, it caught me off guard. Each time I would see him at the reunions I just thought of him as such a gentleman. We are thinking of you all each day. It was so nice to have a visit with him one last time and I am happy you made the trip to Michigan.

*Thinking of you,
Jason, Sara, and Christian & Evan*

Sara Tregillis - August 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM