



Ralph Sisson

July 21, 1928 - July 13, 2009

Services for Ralph Emery Sisson, 80, of Whitehouse, Texas, will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 17, 2009 at Whitehouse Church of Christ with Mr. J.C. Tate officiating. Burial will follow at Whitehouse Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Sisson passed away at 11:05 PM on Monday, July 13, 2009 at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. He was born on July 21, 1928 in Covington, Oklahoma to the late Marion Albert "John" and Lillie Alice Wells Sisson. He was a 1945 graduate of Ponca City High School and attended Tonkawa College. Mr. Sisson served his country in the United States Air Force and was a veteran of the Korean War. He had a long career in oil refinery management, retiring after 43 years of service. Our "Pop" was a fine man who taught us all about responsibility, hard work as a translation of love, the essential nature of an afternoon cat nap in the recliner, intense loyalty to family and the finer points of smoke blowing. There is one less saddle in the bunk house tonight, Chief, and there's never going to be another cowboy like you. Keep your hat on, and focus your eyes on the horizon. The northern lights are magnificent tonight, and they're ready to lead you home. Mr. Sisson is preceded in death by; his parents Marion Albert "John" Sisson and Lillie Alice Wells Sisson. Ralph is survived by his loving family including; his wife, Alta Joyce Sisson; children, Grant Sisson and wife Ann, Kellie Snider and husband Dick, and Kerrie Hutchinson and husband Kelly; grandchildren, Jorge Sisson, Jonathon Sisson, Captain Joshua Sisson, Amber Sisson-Manuel, Jesse Snider, Micah Snider, Chelsea Hutchinson, Paul

Hutchinson and David Hutchinson; 4 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Norma Kinzie and Flora Price. Pallbearers will be Jorge Sisson, Jonathon Sisson, Captain Joshua Sisson, Jesse Snider, Micah Snider and Kelly Hutchinson. Honorary pallbearers will be Amber Sisson-Manuel, Chelsea Hutchinson, Paul Hutchinson and David Hutchinson. Visitation will be held Thursday, July 16, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas, 75703. Memorials in honor of Ralph Emery Sisson may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 2141 Rosecrans Ave, Suite 7000, El Segundo, CA, 90245. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

DT

“ We are so sorry to hear about Uncle Ralph's passing. We love you and our prayers are with you.

Dan and Teresa - July 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ As a young engineer, it was a pleasure to be able to share Ralph's wit and wisdom before he retired from the Alliance Refinery.

God bless your family,

Ron Pamplin

Ron Pamplin - July 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Joyce, Grant, Kellie, Kerrie and family,
You are all in our prayers. Our hearts are saddened by the news of Ralph's passing but rejoice that he is now no longer in any pain and is rejoicing with all who have gone on before him. We love you all!

David & Lynette Mangum - July 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ To the Sisson Family:

First, I would like to thank you for sharing with us; for we all have lost someone (Ralph) who was a very special person, to all, at Alliance. It is my hope and prayers that God will come into your lives and fill the void that was left by "Chief." Because when a loved one dies a part of you will die during the earthly process that we called death.

When I started working at the refinery in 1972, Chief was my supervisor; he certainly helped me and many others understand the unit processes. He used to call me "Big Lake" whenever we talked. He was a great supervisor/boss in complex four and the operators loved him. At the present time, I still work at the refinery, but I am also, the pastor the Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church of Ironton, La.

One thing that I would like to share and leave with you; "Death is not the period that ends this great sentence of life; but it is comma that punctuates and elevates life a more higher and greater position in eternity."

From a Friend always,

Pastor Haywood Johnson, Jr.

Rev. Haywood Johnson, Jr. - July 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Neighbor John and Ms Sisson were such close family friends. I was quite a bit younger than Ralph and was closer in age to Flora Belle. My special remembrance of Ralph is that he used to give me the money to go down to Sloan's to buy him some cigarettes.

Was so sorry to hear about his passing.

Jerry

Jerry Fowler - July 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I'm so sorry to here about Uncle Ralph.I have you guys in my heart & prayers.I wish I could have been a little closer to you.I know what you are going through and my heart goes out to you.I love you guys

David & Connie Bullington - July 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We thought a lot of Pop, it was an honor to know him. He was a relevant part of the lives of our loved ones and was to be admired for his dedication to his family.
He will be missed but his children and grandchildren will carry sweet memories forever.
We are praying for God's comfort and peace to the family at this really tough time. May the family be comforted to know that God has His heavenly hosts have escorted Ralph Home. Anita and Jimmy Hutchinson

Jimmy and Anita Hutchinson - July 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ I am fortunate to have been called "chief" by this gentle man. And to think that I would hide from this man, I have learned through the years that he was some to run to and not hide from. To Aunt Alta Joyce, Grant, Kellie, and Carrie, I am so sorry for your loss. He leaves such a huge hole by his passing.

Philip Parker - July 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ To Ralph's family, I am sorry to hear about Ralph. I wish I could be with you. He has left you with many good memories and great stories to share with others. I dont think I have ever seen a father and son look so much alike. He has always reminded me so much of Uncle John. I love you and I am remembering you in my thoughts and prayers.

Della Young - July 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Your family is in our prayers. Jorge, I only met your Grandfather, Ralph, once however he seemed like a very kind soul. Please, let me know if there is anything I can do.

Mary (Boykin) Friskes - July 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Alta, am so sorry about your husband, You know my prayers are with you and your family, that His grace and peace are poured on you. We are so blest that He holds up in His loving Hands. Would be so pleased if there is anything I could do for you, you would let me. Love you --Your friend in Christ, Mona

Mona Giles - July 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I'm going to miss Uncle Ralph and his quiet peaceful presence. I'm going to miss brewing him up a big pot of coffee and hearing him call everyone "Big" and "Chief." I'll always remember how much he loved kids and loved to talk about his grandkids. He reminded me of Grandpa in so many ways.

I'm sorry for the loss of this gentle fine man. May your happy memories live on forever! I love you!

Lisa Fris - July 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ TO JOYCE AND GRANT AND THE FAMILY

RALPH "THE MAN'S MAN" ALWAYS HAD TIME FOR CONVERSATION,, NOT PREOCCUPIED WITH HIS PERSONAL PROBLEMS IF HEHAD ANY... AND ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS CALLED ME "MY SON"

EVEN THOUGH I HAVE NOT SEEN HIM IN 16-18 YEARS ,,,AND HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR HIS COMFORT ..I WILL MISS HIM HE IS ON THE OTHER SIDE NOW WITH A WELCOME "MY SON" WHEN GOD DECIDES IT IS TIME

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SEE YA'LL LATER

ALLEN SIMPSON - July 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Our experience with Ralph was that he always seemed to be such a quiet man, a "thinker". But when he did speak, it was always worth listening. When he was with his family, the love he felt for them showed on his face with a slight smile or a look of contentment to be surrounded by them. We can just imagine the big smile when he heard God say those words "Welcome Home". We are praying for all of you as you miss him and as you rejoice in his new body and his new life.

Ron and Serena Dinwiddie - July 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To Ralph's family,

I was so sorry to learn of Ralph's death. Your grief is shared by all of us who knew him. He was a wonderful man and he will be sorely missed.

Cousin Ralph was consistently kind and considerate and, of course, always ready to tell a story that only he could tell. Although I saw him infrequently in recent years, he was the same friendly cousin on those occasions that he was when both of us lived in Oklahoma decades ago.

My spouse Elane, our children Bentley and Ashley, and I will always have fond memories of him, and I know that my late mother would have shared those memories. Mother truly enjoyed the visits from him and Joyce; she told me many times how much she appreciated the effort they made to see her.

I know that this is a huge loss for all of you. I send my deepest sympathy and condolences.

Dale Bottrell

Dale Bottrell - July 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ We will miss our colorful "Uncle Ralph" I Hope you will look up Dad in the life you have entered. I know "Hoss" is looking for you. Much love and hugs to the Sisson Family.

Peggy Hudson - July 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM