



Thomas "Bud" Morriss

November 8, 1925 - October 20, 2010

Thomas McLean "Bud" Morriss, born November 8, 1925 in Tyler, Texas went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, October 20, 2010. He was the second born to his parents, Thomas Frank Morriss and Lula McLean Lyles. Bud was passionate for God and His son, Jesus Christ. He was saved on April 7, 1947, and was challenged to live his life for Jesus, which he did by sharing Christ with his family and friends and serving as an ordained deacon and as the Music Director at the Rose City Baptist Church. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Foundation of Faith. Bud faithfully studied the Bible daily. One of his favorite passages was Philippians 3: 13,14: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Bud was also passionate about his family which includes his wife of 67 years, Valerie Ima Jean Murray Morriss; his sons, Steve and his wife Karen, and Wayne, as well as his daughter, Lisa Buchanan. He was blessed with nine precious grandchildren, Amy Lowry, Kindra Morriss, Charity Klett, Josh Blackmar, Aaron Blackmar, Nathan Blackmar, Promise Blackmar, Chris Morriss, and Stacy Severa; and 11 great grandchildren. His desire was to always help them or his friends in any way. He was quick with a smile and a laugh and he lived by the motto: When we love God, we serve people. As a young man, Bud enlisted in the Navy and honorably served his country during World War II in the Pacific Theater. He held a deep passion for his country

throughout his whole life. Bud was a self-made man who was a successful entrepreneur in oil and gas, real estate and retail. He founded and owned the Country Meat Market in Tyler for the past 55 years. He had a passion for serving his customers who became dear friends over the past five plus decades. A prominent sign in the Market reads, "God Bless America; Pray for America." Bud is also survived by his sister Martha York of Tyler and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Margaret Terry and brother, Jack Morriss. Visitation is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, Texas 75703. Services for Bud Morriss will be held Sunday, October 24th, 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Bob Roberts will officiate. Josh Blackmar, Aaron Blackmar, Nathan Blackmar, Jim Mantooth, Leo Berman, Bobby Gorman, Neil Rayford and Tom Koehler will serve as pallbearers. Matthew McLean Klett, Peter F. Klett, III, Gus Garcia, William Sheehy, Dr. Joe Prud' Homme, Lonnie Murray, Leo Hilton, Larry Ward, Arthur Gee, Art Osborn and Connie Greenway will serve as honorary pallbearers. We rejoice that "Our Dad, Our Hero" is in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ after enjoying a long and fruitful life. Donations in honor of Thomas McLean "Bud" Morriss may be made to the ETMC Foundation, P.O. Box 6400, Tyler, Texas 75711 or Christian Foundations of Faith, 14202 Valley View Ridge, Tyler, Texas 75709-5536.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ I loved my grandad very much but knew nothing of his death and was not invited to the funeral...All I can say is he knew how much I loved him and it was *WRONG* for me not to have been invited.

Kindra Morriss - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Jean, sorry for your loss... I remember Bud as a wonderful friend and Christian... I think of you often and would love to see you sometime... love to you and your family

Janie Neese Debenport - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ We love you pop,you raised us like your own. Our hero,this is not the end,I know you'll be at the gates when we see you again. A moment in our lives,forever changed and in our hearts. I bet you have a "cute little" mansion and crown already.

Promise Blackmar - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ To Lisa and family I offer my deepest sympathy and prayers. Although you grieve today soon the grief will be softened by the memories of a Father's love, a Dad's laugh, and a life remembered. Scripture consoles us with a reminder that "to be absent from the body is to present with the Lord" and your Father is with our Christ watching over his loved ones from a different vantage point.

Lisa, sweetheart, I love you.

Scott Ray - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I love you Papa. You were more of a Dad to me than a Grandad. You gave me unconditional love. I felt it. I still do. You believed in me and wanted me to succeed. You did more to try to help your family and freinds than anyone I have ever known. Thank you Papa. The most important single thing you taught me was the importance of independence. You told me time and time again that one should depend on God, rather than people. You are still surrounded by love on this earth. Oh how Heaven is a sweeter place! All my love, forever. Chris

Christopher Wayne Morriss - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ "Papa" was the greatest man I've ever known. I am so thankful for the time I had with him. I worked for him at his market for 14 years, I enjoyed seeing him everyday. He was a great example of what a husband, father and friend should be. I have so many memories that will forever be in my heart, Cubs games, fishing, lunch at Pat Gee's, etc. We've lost an amazing man but the Lord has gained one of the best angels he could ask for. I hope and pray to live my life by the example he set, and if one day I'm half the man my Papa was I'll be very happy. Papa I love you!

Joshua McLean Blackmar - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ On October 20, I lost my hero. The greatest man who has ever lived.....
My Dad. He was always there when I needed him, and so often gave me the strength to keep going. He was strong, steadfast, selfless, and a father most could only hope to have. I will miss him every moment of every day, and long for the day I will run into his arms and see his sweet face once again.
I love you Dad, and miss you more than any words can convey. Rest in the presence of Jesus. We will see you on the other side.....

Morris and Ann Cates - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I attended church with Brother Bud about 10 years ago. I loved seeing him sit beside Ms. Jean and see what a sweet couple they were. Bro. Bud was a man of strong convictions and a good heart. I know that he was welcomed home by his savior and I pray that his family and dear friends will be comforted by that knowledge.

Keri Southern - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM