



Virgil Hoffman

September 20, 1936 - March 24, 2010

Services for Ed Hoffman, 73, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 11:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Lanny Bridges officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Hoffman passed away on March 24, 2010 under the care of Hospice of East Texas. He was born September 20, 1936 in Dallas to Frederick Edward and Pauline Pickard Hoffman. Ed graduated from Austin School for the Deaf in Austin. He married the love of his life Rosie Mae. Ed worked for Texas Instruments in Richardson for 35 years. He brought a piece of history to many as one of the witnesses to the JFK assassination with what he saw behind the grassy knoll. Mr. Hoffman was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving family including his wife Rosie Mae Hoffman; daughter, Mary L. Sawyer and husband William of Bullard; and brother Fred Hoffman and his partner Roy Joplin of Dallas. Visitation is scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2010 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of Virgil “Ed” Edward Hoffman may be made to Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd. Tyler, Texas 75701. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I am so glad that I was able to get my wife to Dallas to meet Ed back in 1997. A truly honorable man has passed.

Clint Bradford - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ It was my pleasure to know Ed. He was a gentle man that required no special attention. God saw fit to give him probably more than he wanted though. he was a man that's presence had a certain special humility and grace. The same is true of his wife. Ed, you are now in the palm of God's hand.. You know first hand what we just hope to find in life.

I wish I could be there and know in my heart my most favorite people will. May this special service be blessed with the same genuine caring heart that Ed shared with all who knew him.. Bob Cochran...

Bob Cochran - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ My wife and I had the honor to meet Ed in Dallas in Nov. of 1993. he was one of the kindess and thoughtful human beings we have meet in our lives. We will miss him dearly. Thoughts And Prayers to the family. Our prayers are with you.Frank and Donna Kampffer Godbless.

R. Frank Kampffer Jr. - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ I wished that I could have met Ed. Being a researcher "part time" for several years now, I have never made it to Dealey Plaza yet. I wished that I could have on one of the past anniversaries....maybe I would have had the chance to meet Ed. I have always been fascinated at just what he witnessed back on Nov. 22, 1963, and I have always been a firm believer in just what he had seen. He was a courageous man to come forth with what he had witnessed, and for that this country thanks him.

A very special thank you to Mary & William Sawyer. My thoughts and prayers go out to Ed, and the entire family at this difficult time. I do believe Ed is now in a much happier place. May he finally rest in peace.

Ricky A. Needham - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Ed was a kind and gentle man who will be sadly missed. We are so very proud to have known him.
Our deepest condolences to Rosie & Mary and all those close to him. Rest in peace.

Robert & Christine Groden & Fam. - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ I never met Mr. Hoffman or his spokesman in person, but as a result of indirect communications with him during my research of the JFK matter, I feel obliged to recognize his courageousness and sincerity, and the generosity he gave of his time. I am very sorry for his family and loved ones at this sad point of his passing.

Frank A. Cellura - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ We hold you and your family in our hearts and prayers.

Jim and Jerry

Jim LeCroy & Jerry Turner - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CQ

“ Ed Hoffman was truly an American Hero. The likes of Mr. Hoffman are few and far between. He will be missed in the Assassination Community. He was and still is an inspiration to my high school students. He lived a remarkable life in a remarkable time. Maybe one day the Nation and the world will truly see that this man stood firm and rose above the lies that have been shelled out for the past 47 years in the murder of President Kennedy. Thank you, Ed for being an honest and law abiding citizen. Thank you for stepping up seeking the TRUTH!

Casey J. Quinlan - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

IG

“ Ed was a straightforward honest Christian man who was thrust into an impossible situation on 22nd November 1963. I am a Brit but I recognised Ed as a true American hero.

Ed and I shared the disappointment that I was never able to welcome him to my country.

Rest in peace my friend. Suffer no more.

IAN

Ian Griggs - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *R.I.P. my Friend.
Now you will know the truth...*

Marcel DEHAESELEER - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Dear Ed,
Your integrity, passion and determination will be much missed by all
of the scholars of the JFK assassination case. God bless you on
your next journey.
Selamat jalan bapak, Paul Hemming.*

Paul Hemming - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Ed Hoffman will not be forgotten.*

I knew him at the time he was involved with Ron Friedrich. They published a book "Eye Witness" in 1995, and mentioned me in the book. I met with Ed and Rosie at their home in Mansfield, as well as at a number of conferences and events over the years. I have always believed that Ed's account of this history is truthful and accurate.

His Post Script to the book says "I pray for America. God bless this country. God bless the people. And may God so bless the people of every country in the world. And may God bless you."

Tom Blackwell - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Fred, I am so sorry to hear about your brother. The message in the obituary was so touching. I am sure that he did know that you were there.

Eddy

Eddy Smith and Mark Slaysman - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Fred and Roy, Our sincere sympathy is with you and family at this time. I recently experienced the loss of one of my brothers and greatly share in your grief. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Jim and Robert

Jim Lather and Robert Woolheater - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Fred and Family,

Please accept our sincerest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.

Anita & Angela

Anita Haddy & Angela Baker - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Thank God for courageous and honourable people like you, Ed, whose steadfastness with the truth behind JFK's murder, has helped illuminate the real history behind that very tragic day in your nation's history. I'm a long-time student of the assassination and, like so many in the world, I recognised the great world leader we all lost back in 1963.

God bless you and your family. I only wish I could have met you and thanked you personally.

R.F. Smith - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Initially naive in his belief that the FBI was actually interested in finding the truth, Ed stood his ground, nevertheless, and never wavered from it. Now he and the hundreds who knew the truth and went before him are chuckling together in derision at the lies and those who continue to perpetuate them.

Too bad LBJ can't be with them. That would have made for some real laughs.

Pat Shannan - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ My prayers are with Ed's family. Ed was a friend to the educational community for many years and endeared himself to students across the country when he willingly shared his story with energy, emotion and honesty. We will miss you, Ed.

Bill Holiday
Teacher
Brattleboro, VT

Bill Holiday - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

F.

“ I saw Mr. Hoffman in a TV documentary about the JFK assassination 15 years ago.
May he rest in peace.
My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Best regards from Ireland

F. - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Thank you for your courage. It will always be an inspiration to me. We will continue your battle for the truth.

Tom Rozoff Sr. - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ You will be missed by all from the JFK Assassination community from all over the world who have seen you in Dallas over the years, I only met you twice but you left a great impression on me.
Rest in Peace

John.Peter.Gill. - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ Fred, you and Roy and all of your family and friends are in thoughts, prayers, and especially Love and Peace.

Ed Phillips - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Ed Hoffman saw two things that were significant: Activity on the grassy knoll and he saw the back of President Kennedy's head also. Ed said the back had a large wound which was consistent with what many doctors and nurses said they saw.

The first part of the solution to the "mystery" is contained here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cwjM2wVwFQs>

It was never a mystery, it's always been a lie. As many suspected the US Government lied to us. Ed didn't live to see the truth finally revealed but he was a courageous witness who always told us what he saw.

May he rest in peace.

Bill Charleston

Bill Charleston - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ May you, Fred, Roy and Virgil's wife and daughter, find some comfort in remembering the many years of happiness you shared with your loved one. Your sadness is ours as well. It is so very difficult to remember that "He doeth all things well." Your friends in Christ Jesus, Lowell and Ken

Lowell Worthington and Kenneth Sims - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ For our dear friend, Fred we offer our love and support in the loss of your brother.

We are confident that you know that Our Lord is sufficient even in times such as these and in such losses.

In that assurance we know that He provides you strength exceedingly above all that you could ask to console and strengthen you.

We love you and are grateful for your friendship.

Harry & Betty Thompson - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ We had the privilege of meeting Ed at a conference in Dallas in the early 1990's. We found him to be a caring and warm hearted person. We exchanged Christmas cards over the years with Ed and Rosie, and renewed our friendship whenever we were in Dallas.

Just a couple of years ago, Ed, Rosie, Mary, and William visited Boston,

and we met them at the JFK Presidential Library. Ed was beaming at the fact that he was in JFK's Library. As we

were taking photos of each other, people asked who is that man? I told them of Ed's experience on November 22, 1963.

We will miss our good friend.

However, the fond memories we have can never be taken from us.

Rest In Peace, Ed.

Bill and RosElaine Cheslock - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EQ

“ We are very saddened after hearing of Edward's passing. We remember him as a very good friend for many many years. Our prayers are for God to keep you close and comfort you in this time of loss and great sorrow.

Erna Quiram - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Fred & Roy

We are so very sorry for your loss of your brother Virgil. Please know that we are by your side during this trying time and are praying for Virgil & Fred and Roy.

James Stephens / Charles Waldrop - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Ed Hoffman is a true hero to all Americans who love the truth. He was a courageous and true American who told the truth about what he saw in Dallas on November 22, 1963! By sharing with the world what he saw that day in spite of being intimidated by government officials to keep quiet, he added his formidable integrity to our efforts to let the truth be known: that JFK was killed as a result of a conspiracy and not by a lone gunman.

I have long admired Mr. Hoffman and will continue to be grateful for this great American.

Carl Williams - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Ed,
We were both lucky to have known you for the last 20 years. You were a good friend and we will miss you so very much. We loved you like a father and will always cherish the good times we shared on our visits to Texas.
You will always be in our hearts.
God Bless You.

Brian Edwards - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. The visitation yesterday was very nice and Tony and I enjoyed meeting everyone. Hated the circumstances though. Eddie had a lot of family and friends who loved him - evident by the attendance and by the tributes.

Jeanette Bell - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ During the time of Virgil's service, we paused and gave thanks for what Virgil meant in your life and for what you mean in our lives. Our healing prayers are with you and the family.
Love,
Bill and Larry

Bill Adams & Larry Nelson - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Ed will be missed very much.

He always told the truth in what he saw.

God bless, and may he rest in peace.

Paul Beaver - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *A well-meaning and brave man who stuck to the truth, and provided very usefull information to any student of the JFK assassination and history.*

Michael Nurko - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ *Our thoughts, hugs and concerns were especially with you and your family as our group walked through fields of flowers and beautiful works for nature at the Dallas Arboretum yesterday. Surely, if the Lord above in His majesty could make this "heaven on earth" this beautiful, then the heavens where your dear Virgil is now residing would be of indescribable beauty.*

I am sure that he will be dearly missed, but will be made whole again and will be about God's business until we will all meet with him again in that place

Love and peace... know that the Angels of God's love are all around for us.

Earl

Earl Perry - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Our prayers are with the family at this time. Just know that Fred is in Gods arms now and will be waiting for you when God decides to call you home also.*

Ray Deese - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I had the privilege of meeting Mr. Hoffman in Dealey Plaza some years back. He was an honest and courageous man who contributed importantly to our understanding of the assassination.

Joseph McBride - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ I wish you all much strenght from the Netherlands, Ed my hero a bright person with enormous courage i never doubted anything about what you have witnised

i alway,s wanted to meet you
sadly it didn,t go that way
but i will keep you in mind as one off the bravest man in history with the sober thruth on his side,rest in peace

Andries Regtop - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ To a great American who saw history develop in front of his very eyes. I would have liked to have met you as well as our young fallen President. RIP Ed.

My condolences to the Hoffman family.

Marc Gendron - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM