



## Don Massey

March 21, 1930 - May 20, 2011

Donald Layton Massey, 81, of Corsicana, former Chief of Police and former City Councilman, went to be with the Lord on Friday, May 20, 2011 in Navarro County. Donald (Don) was born March 21, 1930 in Olden, Texas to Arthur and Delia Massey. During the early years of his life he worked at Sears and Austin Shoe Store with the desire to serve the public. He earned his degree in Criminal Justice Navarro College and joined the Corsicana Police Department in the early 1960's. Don later became Chief of Police in Corsicana and served office for six years. In 1979 he moved to Conroe, Texas and served as Chief of Police for eight years. After returning to Corsicana Independent School District for four years. Looking forward to retirement years, he enjoyed camping and touring the different State Parks in his RV camper with family and friends. He had a fondness for Christmas decorating and enjoyed participating in the Festival of Lights. After he retired, Don still had a desire to serve the public as a Corsicana City Council Member for eight years. Don was a long time member of the Eleventh Avenue Methodist Church now the St., Luke UMC, where he had a passion for music as a member of the choir, singing with a great appreciation for the Lord and his church family. Don was a member of many Corsicana Civic Groups, as well as serving with honors in the 36th Infantry Division in the Texas National Guard. Don is preceded in death by his parents, brother's Glynn, Gene, Jim, Cols and sister Hattie Massey Perkins and daughter Dianna Sue (Susie) Massey Ganze. He is survived by his wife Doreena Mae Hayes Massey and cherished the memory

of sixty one years of marriage; daughters and sons-in-law - Donna Massey Scruggs and her husband Jerry of Purdon, Texas and Debbie Massey Dixon and her husband Mark of Burleson, Texas; Son-in-law Randy Ganze of Purdon; Sister-in-law Alice and her husband Raymond Davidson of Corsicana; nephew Richard Massey and wife Sammie of Eastland, Texas, Niece Ann Massey of Corsicana and numerous other nieces and nephews and his grandchildren Chris and Jeremy Scruggs, Amy Dixon Pillans, Carrie Dixon Hendrix, Lauren Dixon, Jeffery Ganze and Dustin Ganze serving in Afghanistan; eight great-grandchildren and a host of other family members. Visitation will be Sunday, May 22, 2011 from 6 to 8pm at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Service will be Monday, May 23, 2011 at 10:00 am at the Chapel at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bruce Carpenter and Chaplain Lewis Palos officiating. A private graveside burial will follow for family at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Leslie Cotton, Mike Cox, Lewis Palos, Ronnie McGaha, Thomas Dockery and Randy Blue. Honorary pallbearers will be Brad Haynie, Neal Baggett and Navarro County, Corsicana and Conroe Peace Officers. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the St. Luke UMC Church or Choir Fund. Chief Massey's last wish was for the city of Corsicana to always prosper and grow in peace.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Don Massey*

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October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Ann and family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss.  
Sincerely,  
Beverly Huntsman*

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**Beverly Huntsman** - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debbie, Mark, Amy, Carrie, Randy, and all the Massey Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. I wish I were there so I could  
express my condolences in person. Just know I love you guys with  
all my heart and you are all in my thoughts and prayers. God bless  
you.  
Steve*

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**Steve Phillips** - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ To Mrs.Massey & Family: I am sending my condolences to you and your Family. I enjoyed yall coming in Denny's and getting my Hug from yall and Mr.Don. He will be truely missed from all the employees. I am praying for YOU and YOUR Family that YOU will have comfort during this time of your Loss. I know that he will always have a place in your heart, and May GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YALL! I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.....PRAYERS AND HUGS ARE BEING SENT YOUR WAY. AND MAY GOD PUT HIS HANDS UPON YOU IN YOUR TIME OF NEED! MAY GOD BLESS U! LUV YA MRS. MASSEY.....KIM(HOSTESS @DENNY'S) MAY GOD BE WITH YOU!

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**Kim Smith** - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Our prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

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**Gary & Linda Snowden** - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Debbie, Mark and Family,  
So sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God Bless each of you and keep you strong.

*Janet Magee*

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**Janet Magee** - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Donna,

*So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Karen Russell Summers** - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ We were so sorry to hear about Don, our hearts go out to you all. My memories go back to when ya'll lived by Fannin and I would come over to play with Susie. What awesome memories we are left with. I can see the Happy Reunion he had with Susie. Two Beautiful Angels to watch over you all now. There is no greater loss than a Husband and a Daddy. I have been there for Mom and Dorothy, it's so hard but you get through it. Time and the love of Family and Friends help, I'm sure ya'll know this though. I just wanted ya'll to know my heart goes out to each of you and you will be in my prayers. God Bless You All

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**Diane Douglas** - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I was on a long anticipated trip in New York City with my brother Jeremy when I received word that my grandfather had gone to heaven. We could not return in time for the services. We missed the funeral by about three hours.

Granddaddy enjoyed spoiling me on the sly. When I was being scolded or disciplined by my family as a child, he was the first to put an end to that. If I was told that I couldn't eat at McDonalds, or see a movie, or get that toy that I wanted, he would always take me to do those things to spite everyone who said I could not.

Some of my fondest memories were hanging out with him at the police station. He gave me my own police i.d. and an office next to him when I would visit him in the summer. I had my own name plate that said "Chief's Aid". He would make all of his sargeants check in with me so that I could give them orders... and to my surprise, they always complied.

He taught me to swim, how to tie a tie, how to drive, and when I was old enough,... he made sure he had "the talk" with me so that I would be an honest man. "The talk" was a good one considering that I have been married for sixteen years as of this month.

You will be missed, Granddaddy... Have fun in heaven, and give 'em hell. :)

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Chris Scruggs - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I remember when he was Chief of Police for Conroe and we would have the Christmas parties and he was the life of the party. He would dance with all of us and he never acted like he was more than we were. He was a good Chief and a great man. May God be with his family in this time of loss.

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Ronda Scarborough - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ As a retired member of the Conroe Police Department, I had the pleasure of working for Chief Massey. He was a great chief and really cared about his employees. Chief Massey was instrumental in getting the police department moved into new quarters and out of the old city hall into a renovated post office building. To hear of his passing is a sad day and I ask that God bless his wife and family in their time of need.

*Joe Scarborough*

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**Joe Scarborough** - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Blanche Pipkin** - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM