



## Jessie Praytor

April 18, 1923 - February 13, 2009

Jessie Praytor, Sr., 85 passed away February 13, 2009 at Heritage Oaks West Nursing Home surrounded by his family. He is now at peace with the Lord and is joyfully reunited with his wife in heaven. Jessie was born April 18, 1923 in Rockdale, Texas to James and Lillie (Caffey) Praytor. As a young man he worked in the cotton fields and always said he could pick cotton faster than most people. Jessie also worked at the Cotton Mill where he made many lifetime friends. Jessie served in the U.S. Army 5th Infantry during World War II where he was stationed in the Philippines. Jessie was a captain of the Corsicana Fire Department for 33 years before retiring which he thoroughly enjoyed. Jessie also worked as a carpenter for many years. He instilled strong work ethics into his family and co-workers. Jessie married the love of his life Miriam Tanner on March 26, 1949. They enjoyed traveling and camping through the years. Jessie also was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend and will be missed by all. He loved the Lord with all his heart and served as deacon for many years. He always taught his family that the Lord was to come first and then everything would fall into place. He enjoyed hunting, playing dominoes, watching sports and farming. Jessie was preceded in death by his wife Miriam (Tanner) Praytor; sisters - Estelle Adams, Alta Rae Pickett, Alsie Mae Beldin and Marie Wright; brother - Arthur Praytor; parents James and Lillie Praytor. He is survived by his 2 sisters - Betty Jo Franks of Corsicana and Lela Howard of Florida; his children - Jessie Lynn and Nancy Praytor of Corsicana, Royce and Susan Praytor of

Corsicana, Cloyce Praytor of Powell, David Praytor of Kerens and Janice and Clyde Crumpton of Corsicana; 13 grandchildren - Jessie Lynn III and Tiffany Praytor, Eddie and Kristy Praytor, Joseph and Tonya Praytor, Jeanne and Jason (Praytor) Englehart, Royce and Olivia Praytor, Jr., Rowdy Praytor, Joyce and Cody (Praytor) Callahan, Joy Praytor, Bobby and LEEANNE GREENE, Ashley Gilland, Jessica Gilland, Tabitha Crumpton, January Crumpton; 16 great-grandchildren - Jacob, Zane, LaBecca Praytor, Serria and Cheyanne Praytor, Blake and Cameron Englehart, Haidyn and Megan Praytor, Dakota and Anna Callahan, Leah'Anne and Briar Greene, Brooklynn and Kaelynn Crofut, Tanner Tatu and one on the way. Visitation is Monday, February 16, 2009 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home from 6:00-8:00 PM. Service is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 Pm with Rev. HIRIAM HARRIS officiating. Burial will follow in Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Jerry Smithey, Derrill Stephens, Dusty Ledbetter, Ron Franks, Kevin Farmer, Gerald Whitehead, Ricky Crenshaw, Ronnie Morgan, Ken Partin and Larry Wilcox. Honorary pallbearers will be Charles Dennis, L.H. Richardson, Bobby Clay, Doug Fogg and Royce Owens.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jessie Praytor*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Love,  
Thea, Gene and Erik Hatley*

**Thea Thornton Hatley** - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the immediate family: I am sorry I was unable to attend the memorial service for Jesse, due to a prior commitment with a large group of students. Please know that my prayers are with you as you cherish good memories of your loved one. Take comfort in God's promise of everlasting life through faith in Jesus. God bless you in the coming days!!*

**Lonnie W Tanner** - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Uncle Jessie was a great man and will be missed dearly.*

**sissy, Gary, Kim and Cody Pickett** - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss.*

**Amanda Pickett** - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Sorry for your loss. He will be missed. My daddy, Cotton, will be waiting on him to play dominoes with him up in Heaven.

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**Shelia Cottongame Greer** - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I would like to let you know that each of you are in our prayers at this time of loss. Your Dad & Mom were very special friends to Mom & Dad - Bro & Mrs. Elbert Sipes. The family has many pleasant memories of knowing your family.

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**Peggy Sipes Nash Silvey** - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Uncle Jessie was a wonderful person , but I know he is glad to be with Aunt Snooks.

Love,  
Sally Tanner Porter

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**Sally Porter** - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ having grown up with jessie jr., we have many memories of mr.praytor thru the years. he was a good man and loved his family deeply. he spent a lot of time on the sidelines and at the fence of our games--- usually telling us to get in gear. he always had a unique way of "cheering us on". he was a good man, and will be missed. our thoughts and prayers are with you. ronnie and mary jane wylie

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**ronnie and mary jane wylie** - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Jessie, Royce, and Cloyce and the rest of the family. Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your father.*

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**James Bray** - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ *Janice and family, I am so sorry for your loss. He was such a wonderful man. My best memories of your Mom and Dad is when they would come to the mall and walk. They seem so happy. Your parents would always take the time to stop and visit. He would always make me laugh. I really enjoyed the two of them so much. I know how much you will miss him. I miss my daddy so much. I love you guys. Call me if I can help.*

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**Fredia Purifoy** - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ To the family of Jessie Praytor:

*To his sons and wives--I know he lives on in your heart and you have so many great memories--he was your role model and greatest supporter (besides your mom) and I pray the hole in your heart fills quickly with God's love--as he lived by example...to his precious daughter and her husband--he used to brag about you at what a daddy's girl you were and always will be...you will see him again in Heaven. Heaven is fuller and I know your mom was waiting for him. Knowing Jessie though, his first stop was with Jesus, with your mom in hand. What a relationship! Grandkids and great-grandkids and the rest of the family--I know you already know he was blessed--but YOU all were his pride and joy. He went on to Heaven because it was his time...His love will live in your hearts until you meet him again.*

*I have special memories of your dad. Thank you for sharing him with me and the church and the world...it is better for that.*

*Blessings,*

*Thom "Bubba" Layfield & Family*

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**Thom Layfield** - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM