



S.F. Herod

February 10, 1933 - October 17, 2013

S. F. Herod passed away on Thursday, October 17, 2013, at the age of 80. He had resided at Heritage Oaks Retirement Village in Corsicana the last seven years.

S. F. was born February 10, 1933 in Richland, Texas. His parents were Zora Compton and Silvanus F. Herod, Sr. He graduated from Richland High School, Navarro College, and University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Meteorology.

He was a veteran and worked as a meteorologist while in the Navy for two years. He observed the detonation of first hydrogen bomb from 250 miles away while on the island of Kwajalein. After serving in the Navy, he worked for Texas Instruments and then taught school and coached at Richland High School. In 1959, he was employed by Braniff Airlines as a meteorologist. On September 3, 1966, S. F. married Gloria Faye Magness of Wortham, Texas. From 1970-1978, he taught math and science at Mildred High School. He returned to Braniff until 1982 when the airline filed bankruptcy. He returned to teaching and taught at Collins Middle School and Drane Middle School until his retirement in 1998. He owned a ranch in Eureka, Texas and raised cattle for many years.

He had also been a member of the Masonic Lodge and Order of the Eastern

Star for 59 years. He was a Past Master of the Eureka Lodge No. 1060 and Past Worthy Patron of Richland OES Chapter 392. He always enjoyed traveling across the US and other countries; teaching/coaching; attending all sporting events of area high schools; hunting; water skiing; playing dominoes, cards, and chess; and being a rancher.

S. F. was preceded in death by his parents and Holly's mother, Gloria Faye Magness Herod. He was a member of the Richland and Corsicana United Methodist Churches.

S. F. is survived by his daughter Holly, her husband Steve and grandson Cooper Clay of Plano, Texas and his sister Euneva H. Taylor of Longview, Texas. Brother-in-law and sister-in-law Fenley and Louise Magness. Niece Lesa Hancock and great nieces Taylor and Sydney Groveton of Mexia, Texas. Also niece and husband, Donna and Dale Story of Huntsville, Texas. Numerous cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the perpetual care fund of the Richland Cemetery Association at address P. O. Box 64 Richland, Texas 76681 or to a charity of your choice

Cemetery Details

Richland Cemetery

Cemetery Road and State Highway 14
Richland, TX 76681

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
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Tribute Wall



“ S.F. Herod

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ Holly: Calvin and I were unable to attend the service of your dad. We first met S.F., Faye, and you when we bought the old Gaines' place and S.F. had cattle there. Holly, you were about 6 yrs. old! We loved your family. You have been a really good daughter to help with both your dad and mom. Calvin and I met your sweet, sweet Euneva at N.J.C. She is a jewel! Please tell her that we are praying for all of your family at this difficult time. We love you. Calvin and Patty Knauth

Patty Knauth - October 21, 2013 at 05:16 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Holly and Steve.

Brandon Day - October 21, 2013 at 10:03 AM



“ I want to tell Holly how much I appreciate the honor she bestowed on me when she asked me to preach her daddy's funeral. S.F. touched my life just as he touched the lives of so many others. He was a very special man and a great teacher. I was blessed not only to have known him, but also to have had him for a teacher and a friend. Holly, we will continue to keep you and all of your family in our prayers, and if there is anything we can do for you, let us know. God bless you. Love, Benny Horn

Benny D. Horn - October 21, 2013 at 12:26 AM

WB

“ Wendy Blaas purchased the Simply Elegant Spat
hiphyllum for the family of S.F. Herod.



Wendy Blaas - October 20, 2013 at 11:32 AM

TR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Holly. I
had the privilege of knowing your parents
through our friendship that began 17 years
ago. I still think of your mom quite often. Your
parents are reunited and Cooper has two
angels instead of one now.



All my love and hugs!
Terri Robinson
Fort Worth, Texas

Terri Robinson - October 19, 2013 at 05:30 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of
S.F. Herod.



October 19, 2013 at 10:48 AM

LT

“ *S. F. and I became good friends when he coached me my senior year in high school and have remained so ever since. We shared many fun times together that I will always remember. He was a man of character and honesty who I respected very much and he had an absolute and unconditional love for Holly.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with Holly and family.

Larry and Pam Traweek

Larry Traweek - October 19, 2013 at 10:41 AM

RB

“ *Our sympathy goes out to Holly and her family. Also to Euneva. Ray has known them all his life. We are sorry that we will not be able to attend any of the services. Your family is in our prayers.*

Ray and Beth Burns

Ray & Beth Burns - October 19, 2013 at 09:58 AM

BS

SF was one of my best and sincere friends. I miss him so much. God Bless.

Barney Sherrill - May 25, 2025 at 05:08 AM

EB

“ S.F. and I met in 1959 and began a friendship that has lasted through the years. He and I shared many good times working together with the Dawson Bulldogs. S. F. liked to say, "I worked fast and took off early" (from Braniff) on Fridays, so he could scout the Bulldogs' next opponent!

Holly and the rest of the family will be in our prayers.

Good by, my good friend....we'll meet again!

Edd and Ruth Burleson

Edd Burleson - October 18, 2013 at 11:05 PM

BS

“ SF was the nicest man I ever met. I loved the guy. And Faye was a jewel. God bless.. Barney Sherrill (Braniff pilot).

Barney Sherrill - October 18, 2013 at 06:43 PM

SH

“ My sympathy goes out to Holly and the rest of the Herod family. I knew SF my entire life, as he and my daddy grew up together in Richland and stayed in touch over the years. May you all find peace and comfort at this time.

*Blessings,
Sandy Burns Hendrix
Daughter of Ray & Beth Burns*

Sandy Hendrix - October 18, 2013 at 04:50 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of S.F. Herod.*



October 18, 2013 at 10:05 AM



“ *Stacie Cagney and Michelle Culbertson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of S.F. Herod.*



Stacie Cagney and Michelle Culbertson - October 18, 2013 at 09:58 AM



“ *SF - we will miss you but know you are in a better place. Our sincere condolences to Holly and all the Herod family. Reminiscing, merely hearing SF's name brought back once again many wonderful memories of our friendship, including his generosity as a volunteer coach assisting Coach Edd Burlison with the Dawson football team for a number of years in the 60's. On behalf of all who benefited from his personal counsel, teaching, coaching, and association and moreover, his friendship, may this terrific human being rest in peace, as we will remember him through our cherished life memories.*
Randy & Jo Howard

Randy Howard - October 18, 2013 at 09:44 AM

JB

“ We are deeply sorry for his family for the loss of Mr. Herod. He and his family wer close friends of my parents and our family. He was also a friend who taught school with my dad for many years at Mildred High School. We pray for strength for them at this time. We will include his family in our thoughts and prayers for now, and for the future.

Bill, Jane, Lisa, and Jonathan Batton

Jonathan Batton - October 18, 2013 at 12:17 AM