



Tommy Bryant

October 3, 2006

Tommy J. Bryant Tommy J. Bryant, 84, of Streetman was welcomed home by the angels of God on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, after suffering a stroke on Sept. 23. He died in Corsicana. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday at Griffin-Roughton Chapel with the Rev. Wayne Mahoney officiating. Interment will follow at Birdston Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers will be A.K. ?Kent? McGilvary, Harris Wilson Milner, W.L. ?Lloyd? Robinson, Johnny Robinson, Larry Allen, J. Bruce Salter, Hulen Howell, James Pringle, F.A. Coleman, J.R. Wagner, Wylie Garrett, David North, Billy Datson and Billy Emerson. Mr. Bryant was born Jan. 17, 1922, in Streetman to Ernest C. Bryant and Nora Lee Evarts. He graduated from Streetman High School in 1941 and enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve in May 1942 as an aviation cadet. Upon his discharge from the Naval Reserve, Tommy joined the U.S. Army in January 1943 as an AP armorer gunner being assigned as a crew member of a B-17 Bomber. Tommy flew 30 air offensive missions in Europe including Normandy and Northern France. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the DFC and ETD Ribbon with three Battle Stars and obtained the grade of sergeant. He was discharged on Oct. 4, 1945, and returned to Streetman and married the love of his life, Mary Frances Thompson, on March 16, 1946. They moved to Fort Worth where he worked for the U.S. Postal Service until retirement. Tommy obtained his real estate license and moved to the Cedar Creek Lake area where he was a broker for

several years. Then, he became a buyer for the Tarrant County Water District, again retiring effective 1995. Tommy and Frances returned to Streetman. Tommy became mayor of Streetman and founded Streetman's annual July 4 parade. Tommy's gifts to all who met him were his laughter, light heartedness, honesty and loyalty. Survivors include his wife, Mary Frances Bryant; nieces, Melanie Bryant Elmore and Jean Cole Rainoshek; nephew, Ernest C. Bryant III; and their families. He is also survived by Mary Frances' three brothers, John Thompson, Eldon Thompson and Billy Thompson, and their families.

Tribute Wall



“ Tommy Bryant

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you who loved Tommy J. and to those who thought so fondly of him. I personally did not know him, but I feel like I got to know him and some of the family while he and my mother, Viola Compton, were "neighbors" at the Corsicana Hospital their last few days there. I heard only really nice things about Mr. Bryant and I know he will be greatly missed.

GLEND A COMPTON CROSBY - October 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary Frances and family, I want to tell you how sorry I am about Tommy's death. Some customers just burrow deep into your heart and, for me, you both have done just that. That gruff exterior that he liked to show the world was a very thin veneer to a very sweet man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sherri

Sherri Richardson - October 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. I feel honored that I knew Tommy J. He always had a smile and some sort of saying that would make you smile. His love of people and life will be remembered by all.*

*Sincerely,
Cathy Henderson, RN*

Cathy Henderson - October 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *MARY FRANCIS, MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IS WITH YOU. I AM J.S.'S YOUNGEST DAUGHTER. I WAS IN THE ICU WAITING ROOM WITH DADDY THE LAST FEW DAYS. I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH, IT IS VERY SAD AND HARD, BUT I HAVE TO TELL MY SELF THAT MOTHER AND YOUR HUSBAND ARE MUCH BETTER OFF, IN A PLACE WHERE THERE IS NO MORE PAIN OR SUFFERING, AND WE CAN JUST LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WE CAN JOIN THEM.*

LISA COMPTON COTHRAN - October 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mary Frances: I have known you and Tommy for a very long time, although we have not seen each much the last few years. I will miss Tommy's unique sense of humor. I am sorry that I did not learn of his death until 2 days after the funeral. My prayers and deepest sympathy are with your during this difficult time.*

Olive Holcombe Pearson

Olive Pearson - October 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM