



## William Green

October 24, 1925 - November 16, 2004

William Wesley Green William Wesley Green, 79, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Griffin-Roughton Chapel with Dr. David Hale officiating and the Rev. Teri Hildebrand assisting. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be a military honor guard. Honorary pallbearers will be Clint Harris, John Arnold, Marshall Purifoy, Shane Farmer, Terry Franks, Bobby Joyner, Buddy Eaton and Warren Awalt. Wesley was born Oct. 24, 1925 in Kemp. He graduated from Corsicana High School in 1943. He attended Navarro College and Sam Houston State University to work on business, computer and agriculture programs. He started his first job at the age of 7 years and worked until just a few months ago when he lost his battle with cancer. Wesley was a gifted and talented man who built a small shoe repair business into a landmark business in Corsicana, Green's Western Wear. This business grew not only through hard work on the part of Wesley and the love of his life, Sarah Lucille Bell, but from support of the many customers and friends who frequented their business. He and Lucille celebrated 53 years of business in September 2004. Wesley's love of the military would keep him actively involved from World War II until 1987 when he retired as a lieutenant colonel from the United States Army Reserves. He often talked about being the oldest soldier in his platoon to certify as a paratrooper at the age of 42. He loved to talk about the experiences he

shared with his fellow soldiers in both World War II and during his commanding experience locally, as well as statewide. Wesley was a man with a "gift of gab" who never met a stranger. He loved helping others. He was also a devoted and loving husband and father. He shared his experiences with the Lord with his children and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Will Tom and Dovie Green; brother, John David Green; sister, Imogene McBay; son, Wesley "Bubba" Green; and daughter, Ginger Diane Green. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Lucille Green of Corsicana; daughter, Jan Ivie; daughter-in-law, Margo Green; granddaughters, Rheann Ivie and Jordan Sarah Green; sisters, Patricia Kelley and Maybell Milam, both of Corsicana, and Elizabeth Porter of Indiana; brother, Larry Green of Glen Rose; brothers-in-law, Leroy Bell of Midland, Jack Bell of Odessa and Charles McBay of Arkansas; and a host of nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his special friends, Marshall Purifoy, Lou Franks, Betty "Peaches" Murphey, Dr. Louis Gibson, and his dog Butch. A memorial guest book is available at [www.griffin-rougton.com](http://www.griffin-rougton.com). Click on obituaries and go to the name (William Wesley Green) to sign book and to submit memorial message. Arrangements by Griffin-Rougton Funeral Home. †

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Green*

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October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *I was privileged to serve as First Sergeant for “Captain Green,” in the 1960’s. We had many memorable times, particularly in Fort Hood, Texas. I will always remember one special night as our Company was involved in “War Games.” He and I had a great time that night and many other laughs together as we retold the story. My only regret was that I did not “re-up” in 1964 when he tried vigorously to get me to stay.*

*“Captain Green” was a war hero, my Commanding Officer, and a dear friend. I salute you this Memorial Day, Sir. Til we meet again,*

*SSgt Bill Cook*

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**Bill Cook** - May 25, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ *Jan,*

*Sorry for your lost. We are thinking of you. I will call you later.*

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**Jennifer Huffman** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ We so wish that we could be there at this time of loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all the Green family in Texas.

*With love and sympathy from the Green's in Fayetteville, NC*

*John Jr., LaGray and Megan Green*

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**John D Jr. & LaGray Green** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Your friends and family in Leon County, Texas.*

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**James Bell** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *May God Bless your family. You are in my prayers!*

*Stewart*

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**Stewart Burns** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *MR GREEN WAS A SPECIAL AND WONDERFUL MAN THAT ALWAYS MADE MY TEEN YEARS AS A FRIEND OF JAN'S DURING OUR SCHOOL YEARS VERY SPECIAL FOR US AND OUR FRIENDS. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL*

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**DONNA EDMIASTON MOONEYHAN PARSONS** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Words cannot begin to express the amount of gratitude from all the flowers, calls, e-mails. This has been very hard for me and I have been so blessed. It so comforting to know that the values and morals,my family taught me, I take with me daily, have blessed so many people. We appreciate all of the cards, letters, e-mails, calls & visits. He fought a long hard battle, and I would have expected nothing less of him. We appreciate your continued support, my mother, Nanny and "the kids at store" (although none are quite kids now, especially Peachey) need your continued love and support to make it through the difficult times ahead.Sincerely ,Thank you-  
Rheann Ivie & Casey Gaston

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**Rheann** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ It is Wednesday night, and we just learned of your loss. We were so sorry to hear it. We are never really ready to lose someone we love, and none of us were ready to let go of Wesley. You will remain in our thoughts.

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**Weldon and Mary Jane Plemons** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ To the family:

*God keep you and give you strength to face the days ahead.  
Please accept our sincere sympathies.*

*Pat and James Coker*

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**Pat Coker** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Corsicana will miss Wesley and by his many friends.

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November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I'm really sorry for your loss, and I pray for you and your family in this time of sorrow.

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**Aaron P. Maggard** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We are sorry for the loss of a good man who served the community as a business owner, retired military officer, and family man. Talking to Mr. Green was an honor and a privilege. We are praying for the entire family.

*The Cabano Family*

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**JOHN, JENNY, ZACH,NICH Cabano** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Many memories of Wesley and Butch taking their walks and visits at the store. The reason God gives us memories is so that we can have roses in December. Times are long, days are short but our memories are ours forever and ever.

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**Brian & Alison Humann- Aaron&Jamie** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Thank you, Wesley, for your WWII military service to your country and therefore to all of us. I'll remember you as a man who was everyone's friend.

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**Dan Darden** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I just want to express my sympathy to the family and friends of this great man. Every time I came in the store he was always there with a smile on his face and a kind word to greet you. He will besorely miss by all in my family.

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**Chris and Courtney Foley** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Rheann,  
I know this is a bitter sweet time for you, but I wanted you to know that you are in my prayers. You have the spirit and the heart of your grandfather since you love and care for the sweet angels that don't always get the same advantages of the others in the community. Please take comfort in the fact that your grandfather's example lives on in you. We always take a piece of those we love with us in our daily lives. Just sometimes we don't realize it until we don't have that person with us anymore. With all of my love and prayers, Elaine

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**Gary Arnett** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ For many years, Wesley has been a staple for this community and he will be missed by many. Like so many we have lots of memories and Ken always enjoyed talking to Wesley about the National Guard when we visited the store. We are sadden for this loss of a wonderful man. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.  
Kenneth & Sharlotte Coker

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**Kenneth and Sharlotte Coker** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ I remember going into the store as a small child. Mr. Green was always so friendly. I remember always wanting to ride in the little car in front of the store and going into the store to talk to him and see his dog. He was a wonderful man, and I am very fond of his daughter Jan Ivie. May god be with you all in this difficult time. God Bless.

*Lauren Aycock*

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**Lauren Aycock** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ All my prayers and thoughts go out to you at this time. I know it's been a long, hard struggle but rest assured, you are not alone.

*May God Bless each of you always!!!!*

*All My Love*

*Mary Alice*

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**Nary Alice Bonner** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss. I will always remember Mr. Green buying my hog at the Youth Expo for several years. I would go to the store every year and get my "show clothes" and he would always be there to strike up a conversation. He will be greatly missed and you will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Laura Ellis** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ WE HAVE LIVED BY MR. GREEN FOR MANY YEARS AND WE LEASED SOME OF HIS LAND. WE WILL REALLY MISS TALKING TO HIM.  
YOU WILL BE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS  
GOD BLESS YOU

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**DAVID & SHARON FRANZKE** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Green will be remembered with warm feelings, wide grins and a determination to follow in his example of how to treat people. Bessie and Jessie would always tell us to buy from Green's. They would say "They're good, honest people that will do you right." SO, Mr. and Mrs. Green have fit our whole family in boots and fashion for years. We feel like we have lost a family member as well. If we can be of service to you and yours, please call and let us know. God be with you and comfort you always.

Sincerely,

Tom and Beverly Herrin

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**Tom and Beverly Herrin and Family** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I will never forget how helpful and caring, and compassionate Mr. Green was when ever you needed anything. Being one of Jan Green Ivie's ex-students and we had many opportunities to work with him. William Wesley Green is a remarkable man that will be dearly missed.

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**Michael Hargrave** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ To all of Mr. Green's family:  
We are very sorry for your loss, but rejoice in knowing Mr. Green is with his loving Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ. All our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. He will be missed by the community and remembered as a hero, a family man, a business man, and a Christian. God Bless You All.

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**Lisa Watson Hanna** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Green's passing. I'll never forget good times spent at your home on Lynne Avenue back when Bubba and I were teenagers--Mr. Green was always a great guy and it was obvious how close he was to Bubba. Will always remember those days with a big smily on my face--and October 1st never passes that I don't think of my good friend from childhood--and even that blue and white pickup truck.

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**Phillip Gowan** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ We wish to express our sincere condolences upon the passing of Wesley. Our thoughts & prayers are with your family.

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**Ron & Peggy King** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ To the Family my Thoughts and Prayers are with you. I have worked down the street from the store for the last 5 years I always enjoyed seeing Mr. Green and that beautiful Red Dog walking down the street. He always made sure that the sidewalk was picked up and ready for our downtown customers. He will be greatly missed by all the lives he has touched.

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**Ronda Lewis** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Wanted to let you know that you are all in thoughts at this time. There are many fond memories down at the store years ago ! Please accept our most sincere sympathy to each of you.

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**Wilson & Linda Norwood Wade** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ All who ever had Mr. Green touch their life will be a bit sadder to have known him and now never to hear his joyful laugh and his tales , because he was a special soul of high energy, great father/businessman. I owe everything I know about salesmanship and retail trade to he and Mrs. Green. God bless you who survive him, both family and employees/friends.

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**Patty Hardgrave** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Just wanted to let the family know that you are all in our prayers. Mr. Green was a good man. A real nice, sweet and gentle person. He seemed he never met a stranger. He will be missed by many people. We will miss him also. We pray that each of you will find peace and comfort in the days and months ahead. It is never easy losing someone you loved and spent your whole life with, but it is sort of a comfort to know that he is not suffering anymore and that we have the assurance of seeing him again one day if we live our lives in God's ways. May each of you be blessed and may God take each of you in his arms and wrap you in peace. May God Bless you all!

*Violet and Bryon Crum and family*

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**Bryon and Violet Crum** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Jan, Pete, Pat, Richard, and Lucille, My thoughts and Prayers are with all of you. May God Bless and keep all of you. Bryan Collier.

Wm. Bryan Collier - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Dale was a wonderful friend to my family. Barbara, thank you for all you and Dale did for us through the years. You both helped me through some rough times, and were there for the good, also. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Peggie Coker Biggers

Peggie Biggers - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I visited the store on several occasions when I lived in Corsicana, and bought a many a pair of jeans and some boots. Very nice man with a nice family, Rest In Peace.

Jimmy Mott - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ My Prayers are with you. God bless you

Audrene Territo - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He will be missed greatly. I remember going into Green's all of my life, and Wesley helping me pick out some boots! He was a great man and I can still see the smile on his face. Mrs. Jan Ivie was my DECA teacher my Senior year and I loved her dearly. It was my favorite year. I am thinking of you all at this time, and my prayers are with you. You are a great family.

Lisa Batton - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *Jan, We are so sorry for your lost. Our prayers are with you & your family at this time of sorrow. Roger & Linda Tarvin*

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**Roger & Linda Tarvin** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *We are so sorry to learn of your loss of Wesley. He lived a complete life, and was loved by so many. Everytime any of us went into the store, Wesley was always eager to greet us and help in any way. He was always in a good mood, and had a smile on his face. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and the many friends he has had through the years; not to mention, my friend Marshall and all of Wesley and Lucille's wonderful staff. If there were more people in the world like Wesley Green, it would be a much better place to live, that is for sure.*

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**Bill, Jane, and Jonathan Batton** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Wesley will be missed. He was a wonderful man and we enjoyed knowing him.*

*Sorry for you loss.*

*Don and Brenda Barron*

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**Don and Brenda Barron** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Trusted friend. Happy landings wes*

*Doc*

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**Dr. Bobby C. Hall** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM