



William Pittman - Fairfield

November 2, 1924 - January 5, 2011

William Edward Pittman, resident of Athens and formerly of Fairfield passed away on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at East Texas Medical Center in Athens at the age of 86. He was born on November 2, 1924 in Fairfield, the son of loving parents Robert Lee Pittman and Fannie Sue Manahan Pittman. He grew up "in the middle of a cotton patch" in the Grange Hall Community, in the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, and under the leadership of Superintendent P. D. Browne in the Fairfield Public School. Ed served in the United States Navy during World War II as a Navy Medical Corpsman. He graduated from The University of Texas in 1951 and was an active Petroleum Landman for forty-seven years, having been an employee of the Pure Oil Company, Hunt Oil Company, Gold King Production Company, and then an independent landman for seventeen years. He was a member and past member of the Landmen's Association in Houston, Dallas, Tyler, New Orleans, and Lafayette, Louisiana and the American Association of Professional Landmen. Past President of Dallas Association of Petroleum Landmen, 1975 recipient of Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Petroleum Landmen. He was preceded in death by his two gracious and lovely wives: Mary Frances McMaster and Sara Elizabeth Thompson Skipper. Survivors include Marianne Pittman Elder and husband Robert the daughter of Mary Frances McMaster, Chris, Mark, and Don Skipper the sons of Sara Elizabeth Thompson Skipper, and grandchildren India, Austin, Collin, and Clinton Travis Skipper. Survivors also include a cousin Clovis Price and wife Melissa and a number of other

family members and friends. Visitation will be held on Saturday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home in Fairfield.

Graveside Services will be held a 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at the Fairfield Cemetery with Rev. Brooks Taylor of the First United Methodist Church of Murchison officiating. Pallbearers will be Robert Elder, Clovis Price, Daniel Chamblee, Roland Sledge, David McMaster and Mark Mitchell.

Honorary pallbearers will be Wayne Pittman and Ruth Davis. Edward was a lover of God, Country, family, friends, good books, music, flowers, dogs and most creatures, his home, the land, and life.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Pittman - Fairfield*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *I'll miss you Ed. Although distance has separated us you have never been far from my thoughts. Remember how we never had to tell each other a complete joke to make each other laugh as we had heard most of them. We just repeated the punch lines. I learned a lot from you that has served me well in later life. I hope you and Sarah are making up for lost time.*

Dick

Dick Merrill - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *This Aggie landman learned quite a bit about land work and a whole lot about life life from Longhorn Ed. I enjoyed his tutelage while he "worked" for me out of the Hunt Tyler office. He was a great landman, a good friend and a very good story teller, he will live on in several of his old jokes that I still use. Gig'em old friend.*

Granger Anderson - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Ed Pittman was easily one of the best men I have ever known. He was fair, witty, bright, hard working, humble, giving, forgiving, genuinely interested in others and a man that left his fingerprints on the lives of those he loved. I first met him in 1975 when he began dating my mother. They were later married and enjoyed several years together in Houston and Murchison. She considered him the great love of her life, and we all considered him a father in the truest sense of the word.

Chris skipper - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Ed Pittman was the biggest influence on my career as a Landman. He hired me as an intern at GoldKing in 1976 and hired me later from Conoco in 1978. He had faith in people and was the best mentor the Land business has ever had. He had REAL character. One thing he told me when I left GoldKing that I have never forgotten was "Never compromise yourself. The only thing a Landman has is his reputation." Ed will be sorely missed, but the great stories he told us will live on for the rest of our lives.

Bob Priestly

Bob Priestly - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My husband lost a very, very dear friend.

Mark & Yvonne Mitchell - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Our sympathies to Ed's family and friends. His legacy will live on in his daughter Marianne, a wonderful person and loving daughter. Ed instilled many fine qualities in her (both personally and professionally) as she followed in his steps as a successful landman and fine person.

Legene and Gary Gay - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Ed you were and are a heck of a good man, and I'm honored that you were a part of my life. You always went the extra mile for me, and you were the best Grandfather and friend a kid could ever ask for. You will be missed everyday. I love you and respect you always.

Travis Skipper - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ One of the good guys has left us.

Rest in Peace, Ed.

Raymond King - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I wish so badly I could be there, Clovis..during this sad time..I know Melissa has been a Godsend and this I am so grateful. I loved Mr. Ed--He was so kind to me and could always put his words together,>sooo well

barbra moles doster - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *I did not know Marianne's father, but I do know that she is a wonderful testament to him. After reading the many wonderful tributes to him it is obvious to me that his passing will leave a void not only in Marianne's life, but in so many other lives. From all that Marianne has told me about her father, he was a man in the fullest sense of the word, and that he loved life and lived it joyously. Marianne, my best to your family, and my love to you.*

Billye Dean - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *Love and Prayers,
Mike and Elaine Coffman
Maxine Pruett*

Elaine Coffman - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I met Mr. Ed later in his life, but through the stories he told got me acquainted with all his working associates he had during his oil days.

Also I received info about his wife Sara, which I could tell that she was the love of his life.

His daughter Marianne was in his conversation frequently.

The thing Mr. Ed and I had most in common was horses, I had them all my life and still do, but the one in his life was Champ (Sara's Horse)which still stands on his place and he said he always would. God does put people together in mystery ways, My horse's name is also Champ. Any of you that are horse buffs, Gene Autry's horse was named Champ. Mr. Ed didn't know much about horses, but I was always a phone call away and 1 block, and he never minded calling me and I didn't mind either. There was times I would pass by and Mr. Ed would be sitting in the yard just looking at Champ and I was sure his thoughts were not on that horse but daydreaming of Sara.

My Mom is in the Nursing Home that Mr. Ed was in, so I visited him frequently.

It was always a cheerful visit.

I took him a poinsetta at Christmas and that was my last visit.

Debbie Carter

Debbie Carter - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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