



Mr Charles Edward Hughes

December 17, 1941 - February 8, 2024

A memorial service for Mr. Charles Hughes, 82 of Carthage, Texas will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 3:00 pm at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel. A time of visitation will be held from 2:00-3:00 prior to the service. Mr. Charles Edward Hughes was born to the marriage of Edward Marshall "E.M." Hughes and Nova Ruth Gunter on December 17, 1941, in Houston, Texas. He passed from this life on Thursday morning, February 8, 2024, in Longview.

He married Joyce Durham on September 1, 1963, and they celebrated over 60 years of marriage. He graduated from Sam Houston High School in Houston in 1959. He attended Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos on a journalism scholarship and served as editor of the newspaper and yearbook. After earning his BA from SWTS, he completed his MA in English at Stephen F. Austin State University. Charles began his career in education as a teacher at Pasadena High School.

In 1969, Joyce and he moved to Carthage when he took a job teaching English and journalism at Panola Junior College. Throughout his years as an educator, Charles inspired students with his love of English, literature, and journalism. During the latter years of his career, he served Panola College as Academic Dean and as its Vice President. Charles has been a member of Rotary Club, St. John's Episcopal Church, and Trinity Baptist Church.

He loved working with his hands. At all times he kept a project going, whether it was remodeling a house, refinishing a piece of furniture, or building

something new. He loved to read, to write, and tell great stories. In his final years, his yard and garden became his passion. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his family. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Michael Dan Hughes; brother-in-law, Will H. Bondurant; daughter-in-law, Janet Hughes. He is survived by his loving wife, Joyce Hughes; daughter, Claire Windham and husband Micah; son, Edward Hughes; grandchildren, Tori Windham, Wyatt Windham and wife Ciara, Sam Windham, and Molly Windham; his siblings, Mary Hughes Bondurant, and sister-in-law, Theresa Hughes.

The family suggest memorial donations can be made to the Charles E. Hughes Scholarship at Panola College

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home
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P.O. Box 188
Carthage, TX 75633
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Memorial Service

FEB 10. 3:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr Charles Edward Hughes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - February 09, 2024 at 04:09 PM

KW

I am so sorry to hear this. Mr Hughes was one of my favorite college professors at Panola. Never forget him. Prayers for you all.

Kelly Wallace - February 11, 2024 at 07:00 PM

PK

I will miss my cousin Charlie. He shared so many stories of the family. So glad he attended the reunion and brought his beautiful family with him back in September. Joyce, you're amazing. Been praying for you and the family.

Pat Kelly - February 29, 2024 at 09:41 PM

FH

I am saddened to hear of Mr. Hughes passing. He was my english professor at Panola College in 1974. As a freshman international student, he was very kind, patient and helpful to me and other foreign students. As a new arrival to the United States he left a lasting impression on us all.

Rest in peace.

*Fazel Hayati
Madison, WI*

FAZEL HAYATI - March 20, 2024 at 09:54 PM



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr Charles Edward Hughes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - February 08, 2024 at 05:25 PM



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Fazel Hayati - March 21, 2024 at 09:44 AM

FA

*Hi, to all the people that know me Fatima Ahan
He was the nicest person and Awesome teacher .
I was very shay , and doesn't know any English, not talking to he the
whole year . He didn't let me pass the class, I stay another year still not
talking , but just few words but I learned more and I pass and say good
bye to him and his kind wife and we move to Houston, Texas.
I am so happy one the I call office of the college and ask them about
him thanks god I catch him on time he was about to leave his office, I
talk to him for while and I said you don't remember me and told him
about me and my Husband Daryoush , they have story about our
marriage in the college bulletin, I said you remember I wasn't talking
??!!! Now I am talking too much until your head falls off and he was
laughing and laughing and happy I am talking too much English and
remember him still and thanking him for be Awesome teacher and
asking about his wife and kids and my life and my kids and my X
Husband,, he was sad about the new X with all this story that I toll you
guys , I have Wonderful memories of him and his family's.
I am so sad that his gone , but he is in heaven and rest Mr. Hughes .
I come to that college on September 1977 to 1978 and all the teachers
were wonderful.
President was Mrs. Miller she was beautiful.
I love you Mr. Hughes ❤️🙏🙏🙏❤️
And rest in peace 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏*

fatima Ahan - February 15, 2025 at 11:10 PM

MK

“ Dear Joyce,

*I was sad to hear this news. Mr. Hughes was my professor at
Panola College. You and Mr. Hughes opened your home to me as a
host in the summer 1974. I still cherish the fond memories.*

Mohammad K.

Mohammad Kajeh - March 21, 2024 at 09:39 AM

SW

“ Prayers for the family.

-Spencer Wagley

Spencer Wagley - February 13, 2024 at 10:39 AM

MK

Dear Joyce,

I am sorry to hear this news about Mr. Hughes. He was my professor at Panola College. You and Mr. Hughes opened your home to me as a host in the summer 1974. I still cherish the fond memories.
Mohammad K.

Mohammah Kajeh - March 20, 2024 at 10:16 PM

DB

“ Mr. Hughes was a giant among men. My husband and I were welcomed into the Panola College family by Mr. Hughes. He was a great man. We were blessed to have served with him. To Joyce, Claire, Edward and the entire family our prayers are with you.
Rennie and Suzan Bailey

Dr. Suzan Bailey - February 10, 2024 at 03:51 PM

CW

“ To Joyce, Claire, and Family; our prayers and condolences. God Bless.



Charles and Betty Williams - February 10, 2024 at 06:43 AM

BB

“Joyce, prayers for you and your family. Many prayers as you handle what needs to be done in the following weeks.

Brenda Beasley

Brenda Beasley - February 09, 2024 at 11:55 PM



“Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr Charles Edward Hughes.



February 09, 2024 at 11:33 PM

DF

“Darrell, Jamie, Jay, Brad, and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Charles Edward Hughes.

Darrell, Jamie, Jay, Brad, and families - February 09, 2024 at 11:33 PM

JG

“My deepest condolences to you and your family. My heart goes out to you at this time of loss. I think about how many students' lives Mr. Hughes touched at Panola Junior College. My mind drifts back to 1969-1971, when Mr. Hughes was my journalism professor. I've always held him in high esteem because the skills he taught applied throughout my occupation. It was this solid foundation I built on during my career. I always looked forward to his class.

Jan Gholston - February 09, 2024 at 08:56 PM

LF

“ Love and prayers. Mary, Patsy and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr Charles Edward Hughes.



Love and prayers. Mary, Patsy and family - February 09, 2024 at 08:50 PM

KR

“ I have fond memories of my days at Panola Junior College. Mr. Hughes was one of my Instructors. I'm saddened to learn of his passing. My sympathy to his wife Joyce and all of his family. Sincerely, Kimberlea Roberts Panola Junior College Class of 1982.

Kimberlea Roberts - February 09, 2024 at 07:02 PM



“ 99 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - February 09, 2024 at 03:45 PM

TW

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

Terry & Barbara Walton - February 09, 2024 at 03:37 PM

MK

“ Judy and I are saddened by Charlie's passing. He and I were cousins near the same age. We wandered the woods and creeks of our grandparents farm until we were grown. He was the source of Hughes family history and stories. May God comfort Joyce and their family during this time of loss.
Judy and Martin Kelly

Martin Kelly - February 09, 2024 at 11:23 AM

LW

“ Bless you sweet lady.
Louis & Carrie Wiggins

Louis & Carrie Wiggins - February 09, 2024 at 09:34 AM

LC

“ Lori and Kurt Clements planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Charles Edward Hughes.

Lori and Kurt Clements - February 08, 2024 at 10:46 PM

LC

“ Lori and Kurt Clements purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr Charles Edward Hughes.



Lori and Kurt Clements - February 08, 2024 at 10:46 PM



“ *Hearts are sad to learn of the passing of our beloved cousin Charlie. He always had a great smile for everyone and an interesting story to share . My prayer is that you find peace and comfort in God’s promise of a home in Heaven for all who have loved Him in this life.*
Ava

Ava Pereira - February 08, 2024 at 10:45 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr Charles Edward Hughes.*



February 08, 2024 at 10:22 PM



“ *Phil and Debbie Willians purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr Charles Edward Hughes.*



Phil and Debbie Willians - February 08, 2024 at 09:26 PM



“ *Harley was an outstanding educator! He was an outstanding member of Panola County School Employees! Prays to Joyce and family*
Jeretta Thompson!

Jeretta Thompson - February 08, 2024 at 08:32 PM

JT

Charles

Jeretta Thompson - February 08, 2024 at 08:33 PM

JK

“ *Jerrell, Tempe, Scott & Kathryn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Charles Edward Hughes.*

Jerrell, Tempe, Scott & Kathryn - February 08, 2024 at 07:00 PM

JK

“ *Jerrell, Tempe, Scott & Kathryn purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr Charles Edward Hughes.*



Jerrell, Tempe, Scott & Kathryn - February 08, 2024 at 07:00 PM

MW

“ *Joyce and family: My condolences and prayers.* 🙏❤️

Mike Wilson - February 08, 2024 at 05:35 PM

KH

“ *My condolences to Ms. Joyce and family. He was a precious man.*



Kim Henigan - February 08, 2024 at 04:39 PM

KG

“ *Mr. Hughes was my journalism professor at Panola. He was an excellent teacher who always had a smile even years later. My condolences to his family.*



Kathy Gollmitzer - February 08, 2024 at 04:09 PM