



Charles Thomas "Tommy" Graves

December 13, 1943 - October 23, 2012

Funeral services for Mr. Charles Thomas "Tommy" Graves, 68, of Tyler will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 26, 2012 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Danny Pickens and Bro. Pete Williams officiating. Burial will follow in the Clayton Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Mr. Graves died October 23, 2012 in Tyler, Texas.

Mr. Charles Thomas "Tommy" Graves was born December 13, 1943 in Beaumont, Texas. He was one of two children born to the marriage of Charles Latham and Velma Mae Sullivan Graves. He was raised and schooled in Carthage graduating with the high school class of 1962 and married Bonnie Langford July 10, of that same year. He attended Panola College and Stephen F. Austin State University where he received his Bachelors of Business Administration. Mr. Graves worked in the insurance field as a claims adjuster for Farm Bureau. He was a member of the Southern Oaks Baptist Church in Tyler, loved fishing, hunting and his family. He is preceded in death by his parents and step father, Mike Daniel, mother and father-in-law, Clyde and Sybil Langford, and sister-in-law, Betty Graves

Mr. Graves is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Bonnie Graves of Tyler, daughters, Teresa Graves Owen and husband Paul of Whitehouse, Tomi Ann Swaim and husband Eric of Bossier City, brother, Johnny Graves and wife Nancy of Nacadoches, grandchildren, Bryce Owen of Corpus Christi, Lindsay Owen of Tyler, Savannah Swaim and John Matthew Swaim both of Bossier City, great grandchildren, Peyton Owen and Brooke Frelke, numerous nieces,

nephews and a host of friends. The family suggests memorials to Mission Carthage; P. O. Box 1208
Carthage, Texas 75633.

Previous Events

Service

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *My sincere condolences to the Graves family on the loss of Tommy. Words cannot comfort enough but our prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Michael Williams##imported-end##*

November 02, 2012 at 05:53 PM



“ *Tomi Ann, I'm so sorry to hear about your dads passing. Many years ago, too many for my liking, he made a nervous college kid feel welcome. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

David##imported-begin##David Barnes##imported-end##

October 31, 2012 at 10:55 AM



“ *Bonnie and Family,
We were deeply saddened to hear of Tommy's recent passing. He had a wonderful baritone/bass voice and I really enjoyed singing with him along with Lanny Staton and Lynn Frame in our Quartet at SOBC in the late 70s/early 80s, and in the Choir as well. Please accept our sincerest condolences. May God bless and comfort you in the weeks and months ahead.*

Dwain & Sherry Villyard##imported-begin##R. Dwain Villyard##imported-end##

October 29, 2012 at 12:56 AM



“ Teresa, Paul, Bryce, Lindsey and to all the rest of the family. I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know that each of you have been, and will remain in my thoughts and prayers. Times like these are never easy, but leaning on the lord and trusting in him will help. IF there is anything you guys need, please let me know. Teresa, although i never knew your father, I am assured that he sure was proud of you for turning out so genuine, warm hearted and caring. In addition, he obvioulsy did a wonderful job in raising such a wonderful woman as his daughter. I mourn with each of you, and just know that there are so many people thinking of you today, and always. May god bless each of you.##imported-begin##Matt Harrison##imported-end##

October 26, 2012 at 11:22 AM



“ Dear Bonnie,
How sad I am to see the news about Tommy in the paper this morning. You were always such a sweet and loving wife to him and I know your heart is grieving. May you be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.
Carolyn##imported-begin##Carolyn Beene Mayfield##imported-end##

October 26, 2012 at 08:21 AM



“ Bonnie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your trust and faith in the Lord and remembering the good times that your family had will help you during the sorrowful times.##imported-begin##Ann Lange##imported-end##

October 25, 2012 at 05:50 PM



“ Bonnie -- I am so sad to hear that Tommie is gone. He's always been such a happy face at all of our family times. And I would be there tomorrow if I could -- I am thinking of you & your girls. You are all so fortunate to have had such a loving man in your lives. But I guess you already know that. Sending you much love, Sarah p.s. Our Andrew was born on the 23rd of October. I'll always remember that.##imported-begin##Sarah Smith ##imported-end##

October 25, 2012 at 04:57 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Tommy. My thoughts and prayers are with the Graves family.##imported-begin##David Keeton##imported-end##

October 25, 2012 at 04:53 PM



“ Bonnie & family Tommy will be greatly missed. He was a great friend and we enjoyed visiting with him when we could. Our prayers are with you & family. Our deepest sympathy & we're right next door should you need anything.

Love you!##imported-begin##Luis & Mary Nunez & Family##imported-end##

October 25, 2012 at 03:50 PM



“ Bonnie and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with your sweet family.

Love you,
Sandra##imported-begin##Sandra (Johnson)
Toutcheque##imported-end##

October 25, 2012 at 02:45 PM



“ Tommy,

Although I haven't seen you in a couple of years. I will sorely miss you! Rest in peace my friend!

*Sincerly,
Billy Heine*

Bonnie and Family,

Our thoughts and prayer are with you! I will always remember him and consider it to be my honor to have known and shared time with Tommy!##imported-begin##Billy Heine##imported-end##

October 25, 2012 at 12:12 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. I worked with Tommy for many years at the Farm Bureau. We worked a lot of storms together and I thought a lot of Tommy. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Larry Valentine##imported-end##*

October 25, 2012 at 10:26 AM



“ *My condolences to the Graves family. Tommy and Johnny were our neighbors on the Old Gary Road when we were kids. Many fond memories! God bless.##imported-begin##Jimmy Bush##imported-end##*

October 25, 2012 at 07:46 AM



“ Bonnie and Family, Our heart's are broken. We loved Tommy so much and were proud that he made such a wonderful son, husband, and father. He loved Paul and Eric and those grandkids. We will not be able to be with you at this time, but know you are in our hearts and Tommy will never, ever be forgotten.
We love you all. Mark and Benay###imported-begin###Mark and Benay Brannon###imported-end##

October 24, 2012 at 08:28 PM



“ Bonnie and Family, my heart is very sad. I loved Tommie and I love all of you. Wish I could attend the services, but James is not able to travel because of 8 broken ribs he received in a fall. God is good and He will take care of you.

Sammie###imported-begin###Sammie Lou Jones Sitton###imported-end##

October 24, 2012 at 07:16 PM



“ We are so sad to learn of this tragic loss. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Byron and Dianne Ryder###imported-begin###Byron and Dianne Ryder###imported-end##

October 24, 2012 at 11:47 AM



“ Seems as if we have know Tommy as long time.we loved him dearly. He was a great Husband, dad, daddy-in-law, grand fat her, great grandfath er,uncle and brother. Tommy will be missed by many. I am so happy he lived to see his grandchildren and they got to know himBonnie my heart aches for you. If I can be of any help at all please, please give me a call. I know my grandkids love him a lot as well asEric and Tomi Ann. I am so happy the grandkids are old enouth to always rememvber himWE are Praying for you and the family for Gos to give you the peace and comfort you need at this time.

Hugs and Kisses and lot of love coming your way

Carlyn and John Swaim###imported-begin##Carlyn & John Swaim###imported-end##

October 24, 2012 at 01:41 AM