



David Ray Ritter

November 6, 1933 - March 8, 2011

Services for Mr. David Ritter, 77 of Austin, Texas will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Calvin Hancock officiating. Burial will follow in the Bethlehem Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m. Saturday prior to services at the funeral home. Mr. Ritter died March 8, 2011 in Austin, Texas.

Mr. David Ray Ritter was born November 6, 1933 in Panola County, Texas to the marriage of Charlie and Corrie Smiley Ritter. He graduated from Carthage High School with the class of 1949 and went on to graduate from Panola College and Stephen F. Austin University. David married Ouida Jackson and spent over 40 years as an administrator and teacher in many school districts throughout the state and the prison system.

He is survived by his wife Ouida Jackson Ritter of Austin, a son, Dwight Ritter and wife Susan of Austin; sisters, Dorothy Ritter of Sour Lake, Charleen Plunk of Jasper, Billie Jo Pepper of Carthage; brother, Emmit Ritter of Carthage; one grandson, Jake and one step grandson, Nicholas, numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Sorry to hear about Dave passing .He qas such a dear friend to us . Our prayers go out to you all.Hope Oeida is doing better ,please give her our best.He will be missed. Don & Barbara###imported-begin###Don & Barbara Jaeger & Family###imported-end##

March 14, 2011 at 08:23 AM



“ Dwight and Ouida. You know that we loved Dave and that he was more than a friend to our family. We will miss him terribly.###imported-begin###Scott, Linda Herr; Richard, Deanne Lipsy; Manda Elder, Lucian and Madison###imported-end##

March 11, 2011 at 10:05 PM



“ Dwight;

Rhonda and I express our sincere condolences to you, your mother, and family members. We have enjoyed knowing and working (as a colleague) with David for these past 40 years or so.

We are grateful to have had the opportunity to visit you and David this past Christmas holidays. We will always cherish the fond memories.

David has always been a gentlemen and devoted christian.

We will miss him!###imported-begin###Jimmy/Rhonda Crow-Harlingen, Texas###imported-end##

March 11, 2011 at 01:42 PM



“ My condolences Dwght. He was a great man and will always be remembered.##imported-begin##Judge John F. Gonzales Jr.##imported-end##

March 11, 2011 at 12:48 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Mr. Ritter was a great man, teacher, and coach. He taught me so much about basketball and how to be the best at whatever you do. He will always remain in my heart and mind. May the Good Lord be with you and heal you in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Ellie Coughran Hebert##imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 10:37 PM



“ Ouida & Dwight,
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this troubled time. I remember Mr. Ritter with great fondness from his days of teaching & coaching in Tilden. His sense of humor and laughter will be with me always. I can still see him laughing when in a basketball game I was cornered and wildly threw the ball up and back over my head. I am glad to have had this warm and compassionate man as a teacher and role model. God Bless!##imported-begin##Susan Smith##imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 07:45 PM



“ My condolences to you and your family. I have fond memories of Mr. Ritter as my high school principal at Beckville. Haven't seen him since that time but often thought of him.##imported-begin##Bill Hutto##imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 07:06 PM



“ Quida & Dwight,

I just found out from Mother about the death of Mr. Ritter. My memories of this wonderful man & teacher are many. He taught me so much as my coach, principal and teacher in Tilden. His sense of humor and contagious laugh were always a blessing. I distinctly remember his patience when Quida and I went to see Elvis in San Antonio; he stayed in the car while we enjoyed the concert. Mr. Rither was a strong Christian and it showed throughout his life. I'm certain of his peace in Heaven with our Lord. I send blessings of peace and comfort to you both. God bless you.

Love,

Meg##imported-begin##Meg Coughran Collins##imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 12:11 PM