



## Judge Crawford Parker, Jr.

August 13, 1928 - March 7, 2012

Memorial services for Judge Crawford Parker, Jr., 83, of Delray, will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 11, 2012 at First Baptist Church in Carthage. Dr. Dale Reed and Rick McPherson will officiate at the memorial service. Services are under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. A memorial marker will be placed at Conner Cemetery in Beckville. Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hawthorn Funeral Home Saturday night. Judge Parker died Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at home. Crawford Duane Parker, Jr was born August 13, 1928 in Beckville. He was one of two children born to Crawford Duane Parker Sr. and Euna Beatrice Ellis Parker. He attended school in Beckville, and then the University of Texas. While he did not serve overseas, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. In 1954, he met and married Elizabeth (Beth) Harris, of Beckville. Parker attended law school at South Texas College of Law, earning a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree in 1958. During those years he supported himself and his young family working as a bricklayer. After graduation Parker, with his wife and two young children, returned to Panola County, where he entered the practice of law. In 1960, he was elected Panola County Attorney, an office he held until 1972 when he declined to run for a fourth term, and elected to enter private practice. He was appointed by the Commissioner's Court to the newly created County Court at Law and held that position from 1983 until his health forced his retirement in 1996. Throughout his life, Judge Parker was devoted to his family, the practice of law, and the Democratic party. He was a member of the Panola County Bar Association and was a member of the State Bar of Texas for more than fifty years. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Nelwyn Parker Thurman, son Crawford Duane Parker, III, and great grandson William David Stickel.

Judge Parker is survived by his devoted wife Beth, children Donna Beth and Ron Singleton, Cara Beth Parker, Elaine and Rick McPherson, Penny Lowrey; grandchildren Maribeth and Chris Stickel, Michael Ayers, Billy Ayers, Crawford (Ford) Duane Parker IV, Sarah Beth Parker, Rachel McPherson, Joel McPherson, Daniel McPherson, Justin Lowrey, Jonathan Lowrey, and Jacob Lowrey; extended family Sharon Thurman Ivey, Erin Ivey Oliver and husband Ben Oliver, Marty and Grace Thurman, Liza and Shane Woodfin, April Thurman, along with many other extended family members.

Honorary pallbearers are Warren Biggs, Billy Carter, Gay Lynn Harris, Dr. Wayne Kyle,

Walter Parker, Buck Reid, and Panola County Bar Association members.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Judge Parker's name may be made to the Conner Cemetery Association, at 3663 US Hwy 79 S, Carthage, TX 75633, or to Heart's Way Hospice in Carthage.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 11. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Carthage  
256 S Market St.  
Carthage, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ Crawford will be missed greatly. He was a wonderful man. Beth, may God give you strength and understanding in the upcoming days. In Christian Love

Horace & Pat###imported-begin###Horace and Pat Wilson###imported-end##

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March 12, 2012 at 07:35 PM



“ Your family is in our prayers.

Dave###imported-begin###David & Gail Fleming###imported-end##

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March 12, 2012 at 04:34 PM



“ family of Judge Parker thank you for welcoming me into your home and asking to care for your family member and it was a pleasure to have known the family of Judge Parker.

Stacy Speaks

Heartsway Hospice in Carthage###imported-begin###Stacy Speaks###imported-end##

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March 11, 2012 at 03:12 PM



“ We're very sorry for your loss. Judge Crawford was a fine individual who will truly be missed.###imported-begin###Tim & Penny Boone###imported-end##

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March 11, 2012 at 02:50 PM



“ Sarah, I am so sorry about your grandpa. I am here if you need me. (at school after spring break, too)###imported-begin###Peggy Kocurek###imported-end##

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March 11, 2012 at 11:30 AM



“ Dear Beth & Girls.

*I am so sorry for your loss. I have been in San Antonio visiting my sister and don't think I will make the service. Just wanted you all to know I will be thinking of you.##imported-begin##Dorothy Garth##imported-end##*

March 11, 2012 at 10:35 AM



“ Prayers for your family. Judge Parker was truly one of a kind. He will be missed by all in Panola County.##imported-begin##Bill and Donna Poss Arnold##imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 11:04 PM



“ We will all miss one who was a "Legend in his time? Since condolences to Beth and the family.##imported-begin##Tommy Strong##imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 07:55 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Richard & Brenda Busbey##imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 06:46 PM



“ Ms, Beth,Elain and Penny,  
*I want to send my condolences. He was a great man,Loving Person that cared for everone in life.Thre will never be anyone that give to this world as much as he has.I'm proud that him and my dad were close friends. He's up in Heaven doing his law work there for the Lord! We will meet him again!##imported-begin##Mike & Belynda Hillin##imported-end##*

March 10, 2012 at 04:44 PM



“ Really sorry to hear this sad news. Great memories of working with him for many years.##imported-begin##Jamye Russell, Center, Texas##imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 01:51 PM



“ So sorry for your loss -- what a remarkable individual who touched many lives. I pray that you will find comfort and peace knowing that his life was a life well lived.##imported-begin##Susan Lauxman##imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 12:51 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Wanda and Ralph Funk##imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 12:35 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. He was a great man. I will be praying for you during these diffult times. I met him when I was married to Kim Harris of Beckville. Son of Jack and Joy Harris. May God be with you all.##imported-begin##Marla Criss##imported-end##

March 10, 2012 at 09:39 AM



“ we are thinking of you##imported-begin##mark hutcherson & family##imported-end##

March 09, 2012 at 10:22 PM



“ our thoughts are with you during this diffucult time.##imported-begin##Ruby Moore, Debi and Linda##imported-end##

March 09, 2012 at 04:24 PM



“ Our family expresses our deepest sympathy for your loss. Crawford was so very good to my family and myself thru the years. I had a true friend in Crawford. He will be miss greatly. I am so sorry for your family's loss.##imported-begin##Roger & Ora J Hartless##imported-end##

March 09, 2012 at 03:21 PM



“ My friend Judge Crawford Parker spent his life as a public servant helping others. During my fourteen years of work as a member of the Texas House of Representatives, I enjoyed his wise counsel and encouragement on many occasions. I will miss him very much in the days and years ahead. With my kindest personal regards and deepest sympathy to all of his family members and friends.##imported-begin##The Fred and Marsha Head Family##imported-end##

March 09, 2012 at 01:57 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Lamar and Patty Hutcherson##imported-begin##Lamar Hutcherson##imported-end##

March 09, 2012 at 11:53 AM



“ sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Bobby and Gail Davis##imported-end##

March 09, 2012 at 11:24 AM



“ Judge Parker will be miss but is in a better place now. My heart goes out to the family.##imported-begin##Charlotte(Hillin)Heckathorn##imported-end##

March 09, 2012 at 10:03 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Crawford family at this time. I have been blessed to call him a friend for over 28 years, I and the people of Panola county will miss him. R.I.P. My Friend##imported-begin##Kenneth Wilkerson Sr##imported-end##

March 08, 2012 at 08:15 PM



“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers at this time of sorrow. Crawford was a good man, he will be missed.##imported-begin##Frank & Melissa Gangloff##imported-end##

March 08, 2012 at 05:52 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Beth and all the family. Judge Parker was a unique and interesting individual. He was a great servant of the people, because he was a man of the people. His kind does not appear nearly often enough. We will miss him. John and Pat Cordray##imported-begin##John Cordray##imported-end##

March 08, 2012 at 03:52 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Our hearts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Shane & Charlotte Singleton##imported-end##

March 08, 2012 at 12:56 PM



“ A great man -- Panola County will miss him.##imported-begin##Lessie Hughes##imported-end##

March 08, 2012 at 10:36 AM



“ Praying for this sweet family....oh, what a guy that Crawford was! Our love and prayers, Barry & Leann##imported-begin##Leann Marshall##imported-end##

March 08, 2012 at 09:25 AM



“ So sorry for you loss. Judge Crwford was a wonderful man and will be deeply missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Wanda Milam##imported-end##

March 07, 2012 at 05:07 PM