



Jasper Huff

April 18, 1936 - December 27, 2019

Gustave Jasper Huff, Jr. passed away peacefully on December 27th, 2019 in Tyler, Texas after complications from strep pneumonia. Jasper was born in Henderson, Texas on April 18, 1936 to the late Gus and Ima (Keeling) Huff. He lived in the east Texas area all of his life, receiving his High School Diploma from Leverett's Chapel, an Associates Degree from Kilgore Jr. College, his Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree from Stephen F. Austin. Jasper's work ethic began at the age of 11, when he made .50 per hour delivering groceries. He then drove cars for his father, who owned a body shop in Henderson. After graduation from college, Jasper began his career as an educator, serving many public schools in East Texas as a Band Director for 38 years and a principal for 8 years. He taught at James Bowie, Hughes Springs, Naples, White Oak, Lindale, Henderson, Hooks, Troup, Lindale (again), Chapel Hill and Van. He was a principal for the Lindale and Troup schools. To make ends meet, Jasper also drove for the Trailways Bus Company for 20 years. He loved taking tour buses of people all over the country. He also drove for Lightning Courier and Hertz. Jasper was a leader for many years in Churches of Christ around the area, where he led congregational singing for more than 50 years, served as a Deacon and served as an Elder in the church. Another past-time he enjoyed was singing. He loved singing with family, and enjoyed singing with the barbershop group The Sound Connection. He also played his saxophone with the Lake Country Symphonic Band for many years. Jasper is predeceased by his brother Floyd

Huff and his granddaughter Deanna Hodge. He is survived by his life-long companion and best friend of 60 years, Joanna Huff and three children, Jan (Huff) and Greg Hodge of Crowley, Texas; Julie (Huff) and Jerry Monholland of Texarkana, Texas; and Jerry and Jennifer (Frazier) Huff of Chandler, Texas. Other grandchildren are: Jana (Monholland) and Tyler Barnes with their children Mason, Connor, and Reese; Jessica (Monholland) and Jake Jackson with their sons Case and Carson; Geoffrey Hodge; Krista Huff, Kalli Huff, and Hunter Huff. Brother, Harold and Pat Huff of Citrus Heights, California, Sisters Ima Gene and Danny Thomas of Grandview, Texas, Margaret and Richard Bee of Houston, Texas, sister-in-law, Betty Huff of Houston, Texas, and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and family.

Visitation will be on Monday, December 30, 2019 at the Caudle-Rutledge Daugherty funeral home in Lindale, Texas from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Services will be held at the Church of Christ in Whitehouse, Texas on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with Jerry Monholland officiating.

Memorials can be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Tyler or Hospice of East Texas of Tyler.

Cemetery Details

Lindale City Cemetery

702 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771

Previous Events

Church Service

DEC **31**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Whitehouse Church of Christ
1313 E. Main St.
Whitehouse, TX 75791

Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Jasper Huff*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - December 29, 2019 at 11:21 PM

JH

Mr. Huff was full of wisdom and had the most encouraging way about him! When I had so much performance anxiety, he always had the perfect words. He stayed after school and practiced for SO many hours with me. He was an amazing man!!

Jennifer Helge - January 04, 2020 at 08:19 PM

JA

Thank you Jennifer. Yes, he was amazing! He never acted old even as he got older. My dad loved working with all his band students and driving people around through Trailways and Hertz. Thanks again for your kind words. Jan Hodge

Jan - January 08, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ *Jasper Huff*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Jasper Huff*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM

RG

“ I was fortunate to play beside Jasper in the Lake Country Band, and when he had to quit we all felt the loss. He was a fine musician as well as a gentleman.

Robert Groover - January 14, 2020 at 05:34 PM

PS

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Mr. Huffs passing. I will never forget him and think of him often. He gave me my first teaching job. I was fresh out of college and was so nervous in my interview but he quickly set me at ease and was a wonderful mentor my first two years at Troup High School! We had playing the saxophone in common and I remember him always talking about his family that he was so proud of! Prayers for his precious family!

Paula Shackelford - January 02, 2020 at 06:24 PM

JH

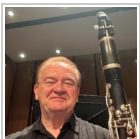
Thank you Paula

Jan Hodge - January 03, 2020 at 09:47 PM

JH

Thank you Paula. Prayers appreciated.

Jan Hodge - January 03, 2020 at 09:51 PM



“ A great man and educator. I count it a privilege to have known Jasper. Rest in peace, my friend:)

James Haney - December 30, 2019 at 11:24 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - December 29, 2019 at 11:03 PM



“ *I met Jasper when he was driving for Trailways. I worked part time at the station in Paris, Texas as I was trying to make it through college. When he found out I was going to college to be a band director ... we hit it off ... I loved our visits when he passed through Paris. I was also honored to have played in college band with his daughter Jan. In closing .. Jasper Huff was a loving man who was loved by everyone who crossed his path. I loved Jasper ... and I too was honored to have been chosen to cross his path. My God bless Jasper and be with his family at this time.*

Joe Watson - December 29, 2019 at 05:05 PM



Thank you Joe. He loved visiting with you on the Trailways bus runs. We appreciate the prayers.

Jan Hodge - January 03, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ **SORRY FOR YOUR LOST KEN, JAN AND KAREN WRIGHT**

KJW - December 29, 2019 at 01:27 PM

PK

“ I first met Mr. Huff in band. I bugged him until he got me an oboe to play 😊, He also went to church with us. I can see him leading singing now. He was quiet spoken and had a dry sense of humor. He was a gentle giant ❤️
Sincere condolences to his family ❤️.
Patsy McClenny Kirby

Patsy Kirby - December 28, 2019 at 10:26 PM

JH

Thank you Patsy. I'm sure you were a great addition with the oboe. Yes he was a gentle giant especially later in life. Your kind words are much appreciated.

Jan Hodge - January 03, 2020 at 09:55 PM

MK

“ I loved singing with Jasper and talking to him about his memories and experiences. He was a wonderful person and a great cousin!

Marty McBroom Ketchersid - December 28, 2019 at 07:44 PM

JH

Thank you Marty. He thought alot of you as well. I think heaven's bass section just got a big boost.

Jan Hodge - January 03, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - December 28, 2019 at 05:18 PM



“ *Craig & Wanda Kennedy and Small Group purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jasper Huff .*



Craig & Wanda Kennedy and Small Group - December 28, 2019 at 02:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jasper Huff .*



December 28, 2019 at 12:57 PM

GF

“ *Mr Huff was my band director when i started in band and graduated then again he was my son carys principle and my mom was his secretary in primary school . I got to see him again in September at my moms 80th birthday party. Still as sweet and kind as always with his wife at his side. I know one day we will always be in heaven again. I pray for Mrs Huff and kids .during their loss. God Bless Gail mcdougle Fullen-Briscoe Class of 1974.*

Gail Fullen-Briscoe - December 27, 2019 at 03:03 PM

JH

Thank you Gail for the encouraging words. Yes we will see him again. And I have a beautiful mother.

Jan Hodge - January 03, 2020 at 10:03 PM



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December 27, 2019 at 11:20 AM