



Louie Mitchell Praytor

January 13, 1935 - October 10, 2009

Funeral services for Mr. Louie Mitchell "Mitch" Praytor, age 74 of Lindale are scheduled for 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, October 13, 2009 in the Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Buddy Hicks and Rev. Gary Chalk officiating. Burial with Masonic graveside rites will follow in the Hopewell Cemetery with services under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Directors in Lindale. Mitch died Saturday, October 10, 2009 at his residence in Lindale. He was born on January 13, 1935 in Lindale, Texas, the son of the late Weldon Mitchell & Mildred Louise Gibson Praytor. Mitch served in the United States Naval Reserves and worked for Nabisco, retiring in 1996 after 42 years. He served as President for the Tyler Lone Star Chapter of Football Officials and officiated football and baseball games for 37 years during which time he officiated 2 State Championship Football games and 6 State Baseball Tournaments. Mitch was a 33rd Degree Mason of the Lindale Masonic Lodge #848, member of the Dallas Valley Scottish Rite, York Rite, Lindale Eastern Star, Sharon Shrine Temple in Tyler, Past District Deputy of the Grand Lodge of Texas and member of the Lindale First Baptist Church. Mitch was very service oriented and dedicated a lot of his life to football and baseball. He was preceded in death by his Wife, Ann L. Praytor on June 2, 1990 and Son, John Keith Praytor on September 14, 1981.

Mitch is survived by his Son & Daughter-in-law, Dwayne Mitchell & Pam Praytor of Lindale; Brother & Sister-in-law, Bud & Beth Praytor of Lindale;

Sisters & Brothers-in-law, Pat Streetman of Mississippi, Nell Cox & husband, Jim of Livermore, California, Sue & David Wortham of Nolanville, Shirley & Bill Abbott of Lindale, and Laura & Gean Alvey of Lindale; Sisters-in-law, Sharlotte Wilkerson and husband, Ed of Edom and Shirley McHam of Lindale; 2 Grandchildren, Cody Mitchell Praytor and wife, Amanda of Forney and Haley Jayne Praytor of Rockwall; 2 Great Grandsons, Layten Mitchell and Landon Jax Praytor both of Forney; numerous Nieces and Nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be the Lindale Masonic Lodge #848. Honorary pallbearers are Charles Battee, Gary Chalk, Monty Florence, Kyle Rutherford and other members of the Tyler Lone Star Chapter of Football Officials and Masons, Chuck Allard, Larry Blanchard, Ben Brown, Gene Conley and Leslie Tew.

The Praytor family will receive friends from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday evening at the funeral home in Lindale.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701.

Tribute Wall



“ *Louie Mitchell Praytor*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Louie Mitchell Praytor*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *My sympathies to the family. Did not know this until today.
10/29/09##imported-begin##Joann Dowdy Gordon##imported-end##*

October 29, 2009 at 08:12 AM



“ *Our family sends our deepest sympathy. Mitch was a fine man and great friend and neighbor. We have a special place in our hearts for the Praytor and Gibson families.##imported-begin##Louie Brown##imported-end##*

October 19, 2009 at 06:41 AM



“ *We are keeping ya'll in our thoughts and prayers. Love you, Renee & The Halvorsons##imported-begin##Renee Merchant##imported-end##*

October 14, 2009 at 02:19 PM



“ Bud and family,

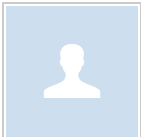
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Henry and Peggy Bowdoin##imported-end##

October 13, 2009 at 08:41 AM



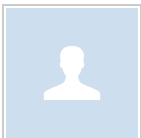
“ *I can't count the times daddy and mother would talk about Mitch and Ann Praytor,I've heard stories all my life! They were great people. I went to school with Keith, he was a lot of fun to be around. My thoughts and prayers are with the family; I know that mom and dad and Mitch and Ann are looking down and talking about the good ole days!##imported-begin##Lorrie Cosby Wullschleger##imported-end##*

October 13, 2009 at 12:33 AM



“ *To the family of Mitch, sorry for the loss of such a special and caring man. My husband officiated football with Mitch and was in the Lindale Masonic Lodge with him. I knew his sister-in-law (Beth) because she used to teach at Van High School and I graduated from Van. Truly a wonderful family!!!! My prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Tim, Mary (Savage), Kelsey & Haley Thompson##imported-end##*

October 12, 2009 at 10:04 AM



“ *Laura and family; sorry for the loss of your brother. I will be thinking of you and keeping the family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Marilyn (Turner) Fite##imported-end##*

October 11, 2009 at 07:37 PM