



Thurman Massey

September 30, 1942 - December 21, 2020

Thurman Massey, age 78, passed away on December 21, 2020. He lived in Midland and San Angelo his formative years, so he often referred to himself as "just an ole West Texas lizard." He was indeed a genuine salt-of-the-earth West Texan but far warmer, handsomer, more loving and humorous than any lizard. He graduated Arlington High School where he enjoyed playing football as # 21. After graduating from UNT where he worked part time as a Denton fireman, he was a memorable and effective public educator for 21 years as well as a small business owner.

His mentoring, wise counsel and practical skills were highly regarded, and Thurman cared deeply about his work, colleagues, students and clients. He loved His Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, fellowshiping with other believers, and uplifting others. He was a self-motivated student of the Bible who authored 2 booklets full of encouraging Scripture and his spiritual experience. Thurman adored his wife of 52 years, their children and their spouses, and grandchildren, many of whom cared lovingly for him through his last difficult weeks.

Parents Faye and Gabe Massey preceded Thurman in death. Survivors include wife Diana, children Anthony & Jessica Massey, Page & Daniel Staffa, Joel & Michelle Massey, and Byron & Angela Massey. Grandchildren are Ozbeth Gonzalez, Eli Staffa, Lucas and Jeremiah Massey and a yet unborn

grandson. Also surviving are brothers Taylor and Herman Massey and wives Patty and Kathleen.

A green burial graveside service will be held on Saturday, December 26, 2020, 9:30-10:30 AM at Mountain Creek Cemetery in Grand Prairie, Texas.

If you wish to honor Thurman's huge heart for people in lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to Touch of Christ Ministries.

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Cemetery Details

Mountain Creek Cemetery

2099 Hardy Rd.
Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **26**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AM

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Anthony Massey - August 09, 2023 at 01:45 PM

BM

“ *Dearest Diana,
I was so saddened to learn of your loss I know in part some of the feelings that you are experiencing. It is cliché, but time does help, and those precious memories are much more precious. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
In love and sympathy,
Beth McIntosh
MISD*

beth mcintosh - January 07, 2021 at 04:51 PM

PS

“ 31 files added to the tribute wall



Page Staffa - December 28, 2020 at 05:11 PM

ST

“ *Sharyn Tudor purchased the Silver Victorian Tear Bottle with FREE Matching Tray for the family of Thurman Massey.*



Sharyn Tudor - December 28, 2020 at 12:56 PM

PS

“ *Treasured memories*

Page Staffa - December 27, 2020 at 11:29 PM

JD

“ We were sorry to hear about Thurman's passing. In 1981, we asked Thurman to share in our club Bible Study on Eastfield College on Fridays. He would come each week and shared from Genesis on the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. He also shared about calling on the name of the Lord. This sharing helped enlighten a college sister who later turned out to be my wife. Much grace to his wife, Diane who we also knew. Jim & Carol Danek, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Jim Danek - December 25, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Thurman Massey.



December 23, 2020 at 10:10 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Thurman Massey.



December 23, 2020 at 05:58 PM

MR

“ *Sending love, prayers, and hugs in this time of loss. Thinking of your family. Much Love, The Rush's*

Melissa Rush - December 23, 2020 at 05:56 PM



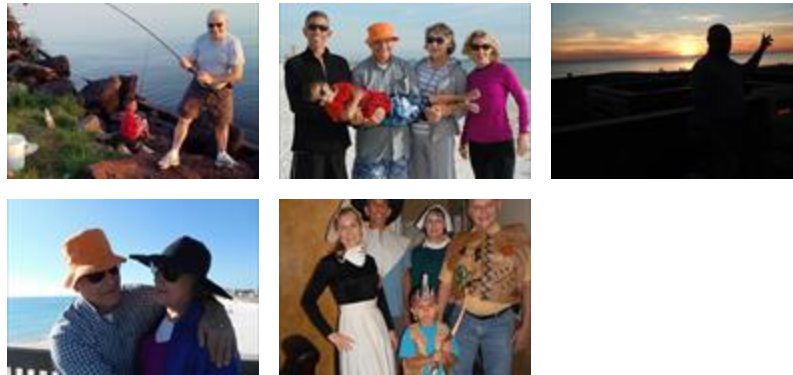
“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thurman Massey.*



December 23, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ *19 files added to the album Some of our favorites of Dad*



Page M Staffa - December 23, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ *I had such great experiences sharing my childhood with the Massey Boys. We remained staunch forever friends even after they talked me into "trying" chewing tobacco, although girls at a young age normally didn't care to "try" such things, I was game. And I did. The half-block trip home was one of the longest of my life. Every three steps I tried to empty and already empty stomach and finally arrived home a very odd "green color". Later, older and smarter this memory would still cause us hilarious belly laughter. Love you all still.*

Annette Powers McGlaun

Annette McGlaun - December 22, 2020 at 11:29 PM

JM

“Dad, no one has been a better mentor to me as I grew from boy to man, or a better example to me as became a husband and father. Your legacy in my children will continue to bring laughter and joy to many hungry hearts. Save a good fishing spot for me next to you on the other side of the river! -love, joel

Joel Massey - December 22, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“So sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed talking with Thurman although too few and far between. Thoughts and prayers

Jim Hafer - December 22, 2020 at 07:04 PM

JP

“Although I didn't know Thurman, I know his sweet wife, Diana, who has stayed in touch with me the past few years and kept me informed of his health situation. Please know that my husband Ed and I send our deepest sympathies to Diana and the family on their grievous loss of a man who must have been a special human being. We ask that the Lord send you comfort and peace as you mourn the loss of Thurman. We ask for special comfort as you face the holidays and a service befitting your loved one.

*You are in our thoughts and prayers,
Jan Barlow Provancha*

Jan Barlow Provancha - December 22, 2020 at 05:30 PM

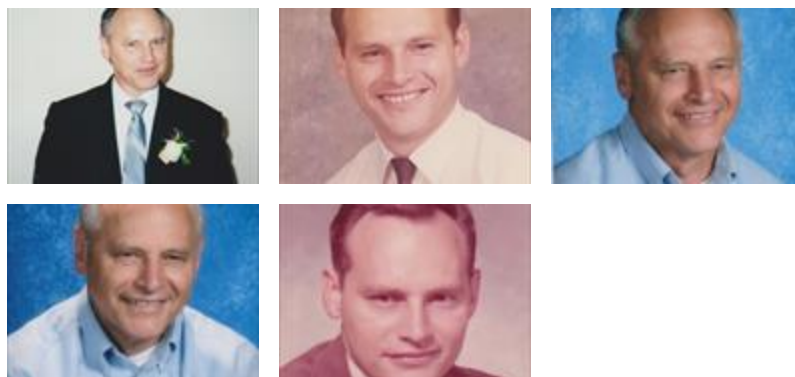
DT

“ To the Massey family,
So sorry to hear of Thurman's passing.
God grant you all the wisdom and strength to weather
losing someone so dear. All thoughts and prayers are
with youmay he rest in peace.....a. good man,
loving father and husband.
God bless you,
Diane and Jerry Tubb

Diane Tubb - December 22, 2020 at 05:09 PM

AM

“ 5 files added to the album Thurman as a teacher



Anthony Massey - December 21, 2020 at 10:42 PM