



Harold Bruce Light

November 14, 1928 - July 11, 2021

Harold Bruce Light, 92 of Paige, Texas died on July the 11th, 2021. His funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 2:00 pm at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings, Texas. Burial will follow at the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Bruce Light was born at home and delivered by a midwife in the Mesquite Community area near Paige on November 14, 1928 to Alvina Weiss Light and Hugh Roy Light. He was their third son.

Bruce was baptized in the Mesquite Methodist Church. He went to Mesquite School where all 7 grades were taught in the same room by one teacher. The school was later moved into Paige. He rode a horse 3 miles to school each day and pastured his horse in a friend's pasture. When it came time for high school, Bruce moved into a boarding house in Giddings and attended classes until he graduated. During his high school years, he worked at a local grocery after school and on Saturdays to help pay for his room and board. He walked between school and work as there was not a bus system.

After graduating high school, Bruce met Bettye Lynn Blackwell. They were married on July 28, 1948. He was 19 and she was 16. Together they had 3 children: Jerry, Gerry, and Karen.

Bruce tried farming after graduation, but after 2 years, he saw it wasn't working out. He then went to work for Geophysical Services Incorporated. He started at bottom and worked his way up to driller. He moved with his family all over Texas and the south doing the groundwork for oil exploration surveys. His last move was to Australia for two years after which he came back to Bastrop, Texas and settled down to raise his family. Bruce worked numerous local jobs ultimately getting a good paying solid job with the LCRA at the Sim Gideon Power Plant. He retired from LCRA in 1987.

Years before he retired, he bought a house in Giddings and had it moved to his land south of Paige. The following years were spent remodeling the house working after work and on weekends. If this wasn't enough to stay busy, he also raised hogs, cattle and feed. But before he retired, he was able to move into the new house in the country. He leaves behind a legacy of wonderful memories.

Bruce was an active member of the Paige Methodist Church. He held offices and kept the church grounds mowed. He was also a member of the Paige Community Center and assisted in BBQ and stew fundraisers.

Bruce is predeceased by his parents, Hugh Roy Light and Alvina Weiss Light; brothers, Jerome Light and Nolan Light, and son-in-law, Sam M. Day.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Bettye Lynn Light; sons, Jerry and wife Joan Light of Thrall and Gerry Light of Paige; daughter, Karen Day of Seguin; four grandchildren, James Light and wife Misty of Normangee, Jeffrey Light and wife Laura of Pflugerville, Sam Day of Seguin, and Jennifer Day of New York, and eight great grandchildren, Madison Kaye Light of College Station, Savannah Raye Light of Normangee, James Austin Light of Normangee, Nolan Louis Light of Pflugerville, Reece Louise Light of Pflugerville, Tyler Remington Light of Seguin, Jonathan Connally of New York, and Tabitha Sue-Lynn Connally of New York.

As a tribute to those with a rural upbringing, Bruce wanted to include the words to Alan Jackson's Small Town Southern Man. Harold Bruce Light loved the words to this song.

Small Town Southern Man by Alan Jackson

Born the middle son of a farmer And a small town Southern man
Like his daddy's daddy before him Brought up workin' on the land
Fell in love with a small town woman And they married up and settled down
Natural way of life if you're lucky For a small town Southern man
First there came four pretty daughters For this small town Southern man
Then a few years later came another A boy, he wasn't planned
Seven people livin' all together In a house built with his own hands
Little words with love and understandin' From a small town Southern man
And he bowed his head to Jesus And he stood for Uncle Sam
And he only loved one woman Was always proud of what he had
He said his greatest contribution Is the ones you leave behind
Raised on the ways and gentle kindness Of a small town Southern man
Callous hands told the story For this small town Southern man

He gave it all to keep it all together And keep his family on his land
Like his daddy, years wore out his body Made it hard just to walk and stand
You can break the back But you can't break the spirit
Of a small town Southern man And he bowed his head to Jesus
And he stood for Uncle Sam And he only loved one woman
Was always proud of what he had He said his greatest contribution
Is the ones you leave behind Raised on the ways and gentle kindness
Of a small town Southern man Finally death came callin'
For this small town Southern man He said it's alright 'cause I see angels
And they got me by the hand Don't you cry, and don't you worry
I'm blessed, and I know I am Cause God has a place in Heaven
For a small town Southern man And he bowed his head to Jesus
And he stood for Uncle Sam And he only loved one woman
Was always proud of what he had He said his greatest contribution
Is the ones you leave behind Raised on the ways and gentle kindness
Of a small town Southern man

Memorials may be made to Paige United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 52, Paige, Texas 78659 or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery

Giddings City Cemetery (Section C)

900 West Austin Street

Giddings, TX, 78942

Events

JUL 13 Visitation 10:00AM - 08:00PM

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St., Giddings, TX, US,
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JUL 14 Visitation 07:00AM - 02:00PM

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JUL 14 Funeral Service 02:00PM

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Comments



“ I am so sorry for your loss and the huge hole in your hearts as he was one of the last of a great generation. Our families were so close during my early childhood that I thank you for sharing him. I remember Bruce, Jerome, my dad, and a few others crawling under the church to raise it off the ground. Bruce and Jerome pouring piers under the church. I also remember them drilling a well at the parsonage with a work rig that gave us running water. There was making ice cream at your house and coon hunting with grandpa and my dad. He remembered all the stories. What a difference he made in our lives and the good deeds will always be remembered.

Dean Newman

Dean Newman - July 13, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ From Kimball Sigala and family purchased the Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Harold Bruce Light.



From Kimball Sigala and family - July 13, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ So sorry I can not be at the funeral I have to work, but I have such fond memories of Uncle Bruce.

He has always meant so much to me. I never referred to him as my Great Uncle, which is what he technically was, he was and will always be my Uncle. As a kid I used to always look to see if he was still missing part of his little finger. I think that was always my first question to him every time I saw him.

Katrina Paniagua-Light - July 13, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ Dear Bruce Light was the salt of the earth as is his beautiful wife Bettye and family. God blessed our community with how a life is to be lived. To God be the glory.

Our deepest sympathies,
Michael and Peggy Reeser

Peggy Reeser - July 13, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ My sympathy to Bettye and family. Bruce was certainly the best Small Town Southern Man!

Jeanette Schoenst - July 12, 2021 at 10:51 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Harold Bruce Light.



July 12, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ Mr. Light was a hard worker and great family man. Our sympathy to his family.

James and Gail Martinez - July 12, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Harold Bruce Light.



July 12, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harold Bruce Light.



July 12, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ This is a classic photo of my early family memories around the table with all talking, smiling and laughing—the Lights, the Caldwells, and the Blackwells! Uncle Bruce is on the far right probably telling the funny story!! Great times!!



Diana Saunders - July 12, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ A wonderful memory of one of many family gatherings filled with much laughter!! Bruce is on the far right and more than likely telling a story to cause these smiles!!

Diana Saunders - July 13, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ Uncle Bruce was always a part of my life. He had a wonderful sense of humor, always telling a funny story or joke, and laughing at the telling of it!! He was hardworking as long as he was able and always caring for his family! Strong in mind and determination until the end—just what I would have expected! May he Rest In Peace knowing he lived a long, full life and leaves a great family to keep the memories.

Diana Saunders - July 12, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ Sharing in your sadness as you remember Bruce.

Mike & Patty Light

Mike Light - July 12, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Bruce Light.



July 12, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the family.

Gina & Ewaldt Knobloch, Jr.

Gina & Ewaldt Knobloch, Jr - July 12, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ Yellow & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Bruce Light.



July 12, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ Jeffrey L. purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Harold Bruce Light.



Jeffrey L. - July 12, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ Jerry L. purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Harold Bruce Light.



Jerry L. - July 12, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Harold Bruce Light.



July 12, 2021 at 08:56 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Harold Bruce Light.



July 11, 2021 at 04:09 PM