



Hardy Eugene Massey

January 1, 1935 - January 4, 2010

Hardy Eugene Massey, age 75, passed away of natural causes Monday, January 4th at his family home in Dime Box, Texas. Hardy is preceded in death by his parents, Hardy Nathan Massey and Ruby Schiller Massey, and one grandson, Charles Kennedy. His early career was with Southern Pacific Railroad as a rate agent and was soon followed by a 40 year career with the Houston Police Department, working from the North Shepherd Substation and Downtown in the Transportation and Accident divisions. Hardy worked at the Second Baptist Church School directing traffic, for many years. The Second Baptist Church was his "home" church, until he retired from the police department and made a more definitive move to Dime Box. At that time, Hardy became involved with the First Baptist Church of Dime Box and the Dime Box Brethren Church. Laughter was frequent with Hardy, and those around him. He had a zest for living unparalleled in most circles, enjoying wherever he was, whatever he was doing, and whomever he might chance to be with. He never met a stranger, and was literally one of those gifted people that could (and did) talk to a wrong number for 30 minutes. Hardy was blessed with 7 children: 3 boys and 4 girls, who in turn have given him 15 surviving grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He is survived by former wife Nina Urech, sons Darrell Massey of Dallas area, Keith Massey of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Kevin and Melissa Massey of Houston. Daughters surviving him are Llewellyn Hale of Springfield, Illinois, Meredith and Doyle Crump of San Antonio, Texas , Georgeann and Paul Giles of Incline Village, Nevada, , Jessa

and Dan Reid of Lago Vista, Texas. Grandchildren include Raymond Glasscock, Katie Glasscock, Erin and Keltie Reid, Robbie and Cody Crump, Sarah, Bethany, Matthew and Joel Massey, Amber, Chad and Shaye Massey and John Paul Giles. Hardy enjoyed close friendships with many people, none more treasured than Pete and Glenda Maluschka, and his friend in the OFFC (Old Farts Fishing Club) consisting of his 7 high school male class members and long time cherished friends, April Coon and Sue Ellen David. His cohorts on the police department are too numerous to list, but noted are Jim Price, Don Swonke, Russell Hinson, G.G. Lively, Robert Contreras, and Roy Skorupinski. He lived a Christian life, helping anyone he came across in need, and always just quietly being there for his family and friends. His list of good deeds is surely a long one, and his treasures must be piled high in Heaven. Among his many gifts were patience, sincerity, the rare ability to keep a confidence, the ability to laugh at himself, and a gift for touching the lives of others he was near with his infectious love of life and fun. Hardy was an avid fisherman, loved to travel, enjoyed meals with friends, and always, the consummate teller of tales; some of his own, and some about others in his life. He leaves the world a poorer place with his absence, but his family and friends rejoice in his going home to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Services will be held at the Dime Box Brethren Church, Saturday, January 9th, 2010 at 2pm with burial to follow at the St. John Cemetery in Dime Box. The family extends an invitation to join them at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Dime Box for an informal visitation, food and drink following the family graveside service. In the event of cold and inclement weather, the family will wish to keep graveside service and attendance to a minimum, and will gratefully visit with those friends and guests at the reception. Visitors may go directly from the church to the reception and avoid the cold. The family request in lieu of flowers memorials to be made to: First Baptist Church of Dime Box Texas and the Dime Box Brethren Church.

Tribute Wall

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“ Hardy Eugene Massey

Barbara Becvar - January 14, 2010 at 06:31 PM

JJ

“ Hardy Eugene Massey

John R. Gantt, Jr. - January 08, 2010 at 09:24 PM

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“ Hardy Eugene Massey

Reuben Grebe, HPD Retired - January 08, 2010 at 06:27 PM