



Homer Martin "H. M." Underwood

June 25, 1936 - March 11, 2016

Homer Martin "H.M." Underwood, 79, longtime resident of Muskogee, entered Heaven's gates Friday morning, March 11, 2016. He was born June 25, 1936 in Rogers, TX to Homer Mabry and Annie Marie (Dukatnik) Underwood. He grew up and attended the public schools in Dallas, TX; graduating from Sunset High School with the Class of 1954. Furthering his education, he attended and later graduated from Southern Methodist University with a degree in electrical engineering. He also served his country in the Army Reserves as an MP.

H.M. was saved and baptized at the First Baptist Church of Oak Cliff in Dallas as a child and faithfully served the Lord and his church wherever he and his family were living.

On August 22, 1958, H.M. married the love of his life, Jerry Lynn Payton, at Hampton Place Baptist Church in Dallas. They have shared over 57 years of happy life and marriage together. H.M. and Jerry are active members of Southeast Baptist Church in Muskogee, where he has served as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher for several years.

H.M.'s professional career was with Prescon Corporation, 4 years in Texas and 8 years in California, before moving to Muskogee in 1978. He was then employed with Muskogee Iron Works for 4 years before working at OG&E. His career with OG&E spanned over 12 years when he retired in 1994 as Superintendent of Engineering and Technical Services.

His family remembers how much H.M. enjoyed reading, studying Bible

prophecy, golfing, and working crossword puzzles. They recall how he did the crossword puzzles in ink because he was generally right the first time.

Traveling was another hobby he and Jerry enjoyed and always regarded their trip to Israel in 2000 as “one of the highlights of his life.”

The family will receive friends at Cornerstone Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. Per H.M.’s personal request, the casket will remain closed.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested memorials be made to Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children, 3800 N. May Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73112. He was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Annie Underwood; and his sister, Nancy Meyers.

H.M. is survived by his wife, Jerry of the home; daughters, Karen Smart and husband David of Ardmore, OK, Kim Steadman and husband Tim of Muskogee, OK; brother, Joe Underwood and wife Roxanne of Dallas, TX; grandsons, Joshua Smart of Kansas City, MO, Philip Smart of Dallas, TX, Stephen Smart of Norman, OK, Chad Steadman and Hayden Steadman of Muskogee, OK; other family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

A celebration of H.M.’s life will be 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at Southeast Baptist Church, 2511 East Hancock, Muskogee, OK with his son-in-law, David Smart, officiating. Serving as pallbearers will be 3 of his grandsons, Joshua Smart, Philip Smart and Stephen Smart, and Kenny Jackson, Don Harnage and Brent Scott. Honorary pallbearers are the Deacons of Southeast Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Greenhill Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
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Family Visitation

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Service

MAR 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

Southeast Baptist Church
2511 E. Hancock Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Homer Martin "H. M." Underwood*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Jerry, when I posted before I must have spelled my last name wrong. I am Linda Stannard Davis. Wanted to express my sympathy.*

Linda Stannard Davis - June 04, 2016 at 05:25 PM



“ *Dear Jerry and family, I just happened on this tonight while bro using through the Sunset posts. It has been many years since I have seen you, but my memories are wonderful. I'm so sorry for your loss. May God bless and keep you.*

Linda Stannard David - June 01, 2016 at 11:34 PM



“ *H.M. was a tremendous student of Bible Prophecy and he loved the Lord Jesus. There is no doubt in my mind he will receive The Crown of Righteousness for loving the Lord's appearing. He was a friend, encourager, and faithful servant of the Lord. I will never forget his testimony of how he came to Jesus! We are looking forward to seeing him again. Remember, we have no lost someone when we know where they are. May God comfort you in his absence.*

Doug & Angie

doug & Angie Miller - March 17, 2016 at 12:08 AM

KJ

“ Our most hilarious memory of fun times together was the trip to "Lover's Leap" in Eureka Springs!! Shared with good friends Betty & Don Lemmon as well. We've had a lot of precious memories with HM. More good times to come when we meet again. You are loved and missed but not forgotten.

Kenny & Kathy Jackson

Kenny & Kathy Jackson - March 15, 2016 at 10:05 AM



“ 71 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - March 14, 2016 at 05:15 PM

JP

“ Our hearts are heavy and burdened as we heard of H.M.'s passing. Our memories of their wedding, fun we had in the youth group at Hampton Place Baptist Church and our trips to Colorado and Branson are vivid. We shared many stories and laughter together as well as many meals. Please know that all of the Underwood family are in our thoughts and prayers. We will be at the memorial service on Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

Jim and Betty Palmer

Jim and Betty Palmer - March 13, 2016 at 08:57 PM

DS

“ We were saddened to learn of the passing of H. M. Our prayers are with Jerry and all his family. We have many happy memories of our friendship with H. M. over a span of over 50 years. We started playing golf together in the late 50's but he got so much better than me that I dropped out and never was able to match his ability. We are so sorry that we can not be with you at his memorial service but we will remember you in our Prayers.
Don & Frances Sustaire

Don & Frances Sustaire - March 13, 2016 at 09:07 AM

EP

“ My mind floods with wonderful memories of time shared in ministry together at FBC, Camarillo, CA. He was a faithful deacon and friend who could always be counted on to stand for the truth and right. Our ministry together in that sweet fellowship stands as one of the high water marks in my life and ministry. Heaven feels a bit nearer, because he is there. With saddened hearts, nonetheless, we rejoice to know he is in the presence of the Savior whom he loved and served.

Frankie joins me praying that his dear family will know the peace and comfort that only our Father can give.

Ellis Pitman, formerly Pastor at FBC, Camarillo, CA (ecpitman@gmail.com)

Ellis C Pitman - March 12, 2016 at 10:25 PM

FS

*Our hearts remember the joy and blessing it was to know HM. He always had a smile, joke and hearty laugh to brighten your heart. Heaven has gained a great man of God.
Jerry, although, we cannot join you in person, our love and prayers will be with you and your precious family.
May God give you an extra measure of His peace and comfort.
Charlie and Fran Sypert*

Fran Sypert - March 14, 2016 at 12:57 PM

EV

Jerry, you are in my thoughts and prayers. May your wonderful memories give you comfort. I won't be able to make it to Oklahoma.

Liz (Haworth) Vause

Elizabeth A Vause - March 14, 2016 at 07:39 PM

PA

Only found out about H.M.'s passing in the last few days, as our family has grown and spread out over the past 70 years, losing touch with the many other descendants of the 10 originals from Rogers, Texas. The last time I saw H.M. was when he looked like the picture you posted that is signed, "Love Always-H.M."--that is how I remember him. We were all much younger then!Sending kindest condolences to our "far flung cousins"--proud to call H.M. "cousin" --and wishing the best to all his loved ones.

Pamela Avey-Underwood

PAMELA AVEY-UNDERWOOD - September 21, 2016 at 08:25 AM