



## Mr. Ben Craycraft

May 14, 1923 - December 26, 2014

Funeral services for Mr. Ben Craycraft, 91, of Mt. Enterprise, will be at 2:00 p.m., Monday, December 29, 2014 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home chapel with Buddy Bankhead and James Henderson officiating. Interment will follow at King Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson.

Visitation will be held one hour before the service, Monday, December 29 at the funeral home.

Mr. Craycraft passed away peacefully Friday, December 26, 2014 at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. He was born May 14, 1923 in Mt. Enterprise to the late J.S. and Bettie Mae Craycraft, and was a life-long resident of Mt. Enterprise and Rusk County, and attended school in the Mt. Enterprise ISD. He met and married the love of his life, Martha Geneva Gibson, from Groveton, Texas in 1948. Ben began his career as an auctioneer before becoming a partner in two livestock auctions. In his spare time he enjoyed family, friends, hunting and fishing, gardening, and raising cattle. He often quipped that what he did for a living and what he did for fun were the same things. Ben met people easily in both business and social settings. Regardless of the situation, he prided himself in being the same person each and every day of his life, and was known for his quick wit. He valued being a man of his word, and to him, a handshake was as official as a formal contract. He attended and was a

member of the Mt. Enterprise Church of Christ his entire life.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, William 'Bill' Craycraft, Sam Craycraft, and R.H. 'Biggin' Craycraft; and two sisters, Katherine McDonald and Mary Dodd.

Survivors include: his wife of 66 1/2 years, Geneva Gibson Craycraft; three children, Kenneth Craycraft and wife Sally of Frisco, Deidra Craycraft Rivers and husband Barry of Mt. Enterprise, and Benita Craycraft Tabch and husband Mounir of Mt. Enterprise; four grandchildren, Chris Rivers, Bettie Rivers Lee, Chad Craycraft, and Joumana Tabch; three great-grandchildren, Hadyn Rivers, Sofia Cabrera, and Cade Rivers; and special friends, Carolyn McAlister, Paula Hayes, and Carmen Leadon.

Pallbearers are Ray Craycraft, Paul Craycraft, David Jarvis, Chris Rivers, Chad Craycraft, and Brad Lee. Honorary pallbearers are Charlie Schwartz, John Langston, Mike Jackson, Clyde Hudman, and Kyle Freeman.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Tx, 75701.

Condolences may be made online at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## King Cemetery

CR 2138  
Seven Points, TX 75143

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 S. Main St  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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1414 S. Main St  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall

RF

“ *Ruby And Glen Farris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben Craycraft*



**Ruby and Glen Farris** - December 29, 2014 at 08:26 AM

LG

“ *Lisa And David Gardia lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben Craycraft*



**Lisa and David Gardia** - December 29, 2014 at 05:01 AM

MJ

“ *Marilyn (Pirtle) Johnson lit candle in memory of Mr. Ben Craycraft*



**Marilyn (Pirtle) Johnson** - December 28, 2014 at 05:27 PM

LM

“ *Lottie Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben Craycraft*



**Lottie Morris** - December 28, 2014 at 02:26 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Stanfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben Craycraft



Rhonda Stanfield - December 28, 2014 at 01:37 PM

LM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Craycraft will be missed by all. My thoughts and prayer go out to all of the family.

Lottie Morris

Lottie Morris - December 28, 2014 at 09:58 AM

RK

“ Robyn Korsmo-Lechuga lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben Craycraft



Robyn Korsmo-Lechuga - December 27, 2014 at 04:01 PM

TT

“ Terry (Owens) Thrift lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben Craycraft



Terry (Owens) Thrift - December 27, 2014 at 12:03 PM

AW

“ *Andrea And Thomas Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben Craycraft*



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**Andrea And Thomas Walker** - December 27, 2014 at 09:08 AM

GA

“ *Gale And Terry Austin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben Craycraft*



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**Gale and Terry Austin** - December 27, 2014 at 05:00 AM

AO

“ *Allen And Gloria Owens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben Craycraft*



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**Allen and Gloria Owens** - December 26, 2014 at 10:47 PM

TM

“ *Trudy Daniel McGill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben Craycraft*



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**Trudy Daniel McGill** - December 26, 2014 at 07:25 PM