



Mr. Doug Mills

July 3, 1942 - July 14, 2022

John Douglas (Doug) Mills was born in Rosenberg, Texas on July 3, 1942. He passed away on July 14, 2022. Doug grew up in Pasadena, Texas with his father, mother, two sisters, and brother. He was a proud graduate of Pasadena High School, attending Del Mar College, and graduated from Rice University where he lettered in football. He married Gloria Bryant, the love of his life, in 1965 after meeting her at First Baptist Church of Pasadena, Texas. Together they raised three sons who were their focus in life and their proudest achievement. They travelled the globe as their son's biggest fans in all sports and continued with the same commitment in their lives supporting them as parents. The world never knew a more loyal son, father, uncle or friend, and he positively impacted everyone he encountered as went about his life. He worked at Houston Shell and Concrete, Joe McDermott Development, and later founded a General Contracting and Development company called Hale Mills, Inc with his lifelong best friend, Pasadena High classmate, and Rice teammate, Billy Hale. After many years in the construction and real estate business, Doug and Billy sold the construction division of Hale Mills but maintained real estate assets as partners for years. He has mentored countless people in both the construction and real estate industry throughout the years. In 1977, Doug, Gloria, and their three boys moved to Henderson, Texas to join his father and brother in the cattle ranching business. They are long time active members of the TSCRA. He and Gloria raised their three boys in Henderson where Doug was a deacon at First Baptist Church of

Henderson. After many years of supporting their boys in sports and school activities, they later shifted their next passion to travel and activities with their eight grandchildren.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents, J.A. and Frances as well as two brothers-in-law, Wayne Atwood and Rufus King of Pasadena, Texas and Houston, Texas, respectively. He only recently lost his close friend and 3M Cattle employee of 40+ years Victor Ramirez.

Doug is survived by his wife of 57 years, Gloria Bryant Mills, his oldest son Andy, middle son Toby, and youngest son Brady; his daughters-in-law Lee Ann, Emily, and Angela; and his beloved grandchildren Harrison, John Michael, Ann, Austin, Addison, Harper, Ella, and Bryant. He is also survived by his sisters Claudia Atwood and Johnnie King as well as brother Bobby Mills and his wife Jeannie Mills. Nieces and nephews include Jim Atwood, Jennifer Stockstill, Sharon Ellis, Amanda Mills, Geoff King, Ben Mills, Jonathan King, and Joe Mills.

A celebration of life service will occur on Monday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Henderson with a reception immediately following the service at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church of Henderson.

Pallbearers will be Harrison Mills, John Michael Mills, Austin Mills, Bryant Mills, Ben Mills, Geoff King, and Jonathan King. Honorary pallbearers will be Billy Hale, Rick Parmer, John Jones, Phil Stanley, Pedro Ramirez, Scott Crawford, Milton McGee, Tommy Berry, Bob Schneider, Fred Spell, Dennis Alexander, Jimmy Watson, Tom Gay, Dennis Rivers, Kelly Freeman, and Chris Dunn.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the Christian Women's Job Corps of Rusk County, Texas located at 210 North Sioux Street, Henderson,

TX 75652. Website: www.cwjcruskco.org.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
207 West Main
Henderson, TX 75652

Visitation

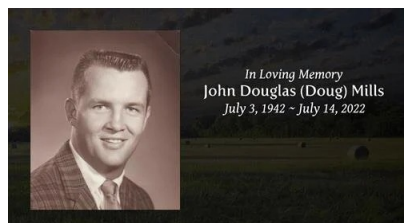
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207 West Main
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Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - July 17, 2022 at 03:32 PM



Rest easy sweet man

Tami Grubbs - July 17, 2022 at 08:28 PM

SG

Gloria & family - I am so very sorry to hear of Doug's passing. You and your beautiful family will be and remain in my daily prayers as you travel this new and very difficult journey. Earl really loved Doug and enjoyed seeing and visiting with him when George Cheshire took him to Lufkin for a visit. He talked about that visit for quite a while. I remember Doug's laughter and love for you and the boys. He was a great man. Sheila Goings

Sheila Goings - July 19, 2022 at 08:16 AM

DG

*To all the Mills family:
Dougie remains a vibrant memory from Our school days. He was a leader and delightful person. I will pray for your comfort in this loss.*

Deanne Swain Gray - July 19, 2022 at 01:48 PM

AM

I just heard of the loss of one of the greatest men I have ever known. I am so so sorry. I loved working for him. He was the rock I could always depend on. My sympathy to all of the family and friends. God bless

Alsia Medford - August 12, 2022 at 10:01 PM

DM

I was a graduate of Pasadena high school 1960. At our 50th high school reunion I enjoyed reminiscing with him about the "old days". I can see from his obituary that He continued to be a blessing to all his communities

Diane Ryan Morin. - September 29, 2022 at 06:43 AM

DM

“ *My condolences to the family of a wonderful man. I knew him when we were at PHS together in 1960. And I appreciated the opportunity to reminisce with him at our one of our high school reunions. I think I remember him mentioning that he was getting ready to retire from Hale Mills Construction at the time and on to "new adventures". I'm sure he was true to his word and created many with the family.*

Diane Ryan Morin. - September 29, 2022 at 07:16 AM

RA

“ *RON AUDAS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



RON AUDAS - July 21, 2022 at 09:45 PM

BK

“ *Billy & Dolly King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Billy & Dolly King - July 21, 2022 at 01:21 PM

EB

“ Gloria, so sorry for your loss. We have been praying for you and your family during these coming days. The WMU of Texas family is also praying. Earl Ann Bumpus

Earl Ann Lenert Bumpus - July 21, 2022 at 10:56 AM

JG

“ Gloria, Andy, Toby, Brady and families, We were so sad to hear of Doug's passing. He was such a larger than life, wonderful man. We hope you are comforted by sweet memories. Thinking of all of you, Jennifer & Byron Green & Ken Wilhite

Jennifer Green - July 20, 2022 at 05:07 PM

CG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this incredibly difficult time.



Christi Smith Gardsbane - July 19, 2022 at 09:29 PM

MH

“ Mollie Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills



Mollie Hale - July 19, 2022 at 02:37 PM

KH

“ Ken /Mollie Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills



Ken /Mollie Hale - July 19, 2022 at 02:37 PM

JK

“ I was saddened to hear about Doug's (Dougie to me) passing. I have so many fond memories of him growing up. We attended the same schools and FBC Pasadena together. He was a great guy. My prayers go out to his family.

Jo Elaine (Standley) Key - July 19, 2022 at 01:44 PM

MG

“ We met Doug and Gloria shortly after they moved here. We enjoyed special times with he and Gloria through the years most especially at the farm. Doug had a love for people and the land he grew up on. He will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Mark and Nancy Gibson - July 19, 2022 at 12:22 PM

SB

“ Sandy Burns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills



Sandy Burns - July 19, 2022 at 10:23 AM

JT

“ James SCOTT TOON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills



James SCOTT TOON - July 19, 2022 at 09:12 AM

DB

“ Doug was my longtime friend and teammate. I send my heartfelt condolences to his beloved family
Danny Brown

dan brown - July 18, 2022 at 08:42 PM

XD

“ Sorry for the Mills family's loss. I remember Doug and I played football together back in high school. He was a great friend and we covered for each other in practice, away from the demands of Coach Sailor. A great loss. Xavier DeSoto, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Xavier DeSoto - July 18, 2022 at 06:39 PM

MA

“ The Barber Shop sends their condolences to the friends and family of Mr. Doug. Praying for comfort and peace for you all.

Macie - July 18, 2022 at 06:20 PM

KC

“ *Kristy Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Kristy Campbell - July 18, 2022 at 05:59 PM

SA

“ *Steve AndcSheila Alford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Steve andcSheila Alford - July 18, 2022 at 03:00 PM

BG

“ *Praying for peace and comfort for family and friends.*
Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - July 18, 2022 at 12:26 PM

CH

“ *Cheryl Harkness lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Cheryl Harkness - July 18, 2022 at 10:40 AM

CG

“ *What a classy man. Enjoyed many visits with Mr. Mills over the past 10 years or so when we'd bump into him on the way to our adjoining property. This highly accomplished man had many reasons to be prideful but was always very humble.....was also always friendly, positive and never seemed to have a bad word to say about anyone....always willing to help out in any way he could. We will miss him greatly as a neighbor and a friend....just not many men of this caliber. Our hearts go out to the entire Mills family.*

- David & Linda Gray

Charles Gray - July 18, 2022 at 10:13 AM

PB

“ *So many memories of Doug. He was every teenage girl's heart throb, but Gloria was the one who had his heart. He was truly an example of a Christian young man to a lot of young boys then. He will be missed. Prayers go out to Gloria and all his family.*

Phyllis (Wright) Bishop - July 18, 2022 at 07:59 AM

MS

“ *Martha Solomon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Martha Solomon - July 18, 2022 at 07:23 AM

SW

“ A man with a heart as big as Texas! I was honored to serve with him a few years as he coached the WMU Women's Build team in South Texas. He was always an encourager. And the beautiful sound of laughter was ever present. Hebrews 6:19 says, “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” Doug put his full hope in Christ. He was an incredible role model for all of us. I know he touched countless lives. My life is richer for having known him. - Sandy Wisdom-Martin, Birmingham, AL

Sandra Wisdom-Martin - July 17, 2022 at 09:24 PM

CW

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace, comfort and strength during this sad time. Cyndy Willard

Cyndy Willard - July 17, 2022 at 06:47 PM

BS

“ BLAKE STOWE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills

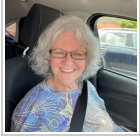


BLAKE STOWE - July 17, 2022 at 06:45 PM

BS

“ Prayers for comfort and peace go to the Mills family. I am so sorry for your loss. Doug's wonderful family are living evidence of a great husband and father. Blake

Blake Stowe - July 17, 2022 at 06:42 PM



“ *My deepest prayers and condolences to the family of Mr Mills. There are no words to express our feelings fir your loss only to say Thank you Lord for your good and faithful servants. Stephanie Green Osteen*

Stephanie Osteen - July 17, 2022 at 04:10 PM

ED

“ *Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Elaine Davis - July 17, 2022 at 03:44 PM

JJ

“ *Jason & Susan Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Jason & Susan Jarrell - July 17, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ *Doug was the epitome of what a great man should be!
God's gift to us has been called home 🙏🏻🙏🏻*



Joe White - July 17, 2022 at 12:02 PM

VB

Prayers for the family during this difficult time. Sue Grounds & Vicki

Vicki Black - July 17, 2022 at 04:42 PM

BC

First met Doug at Rice then worked together at Houston Shell where we spent some time with our wives, Gloria and Brenda socializing. Remembering a special weekend when we shared the Houston Shell beachouse, we had a great time. Always thought Doug was a special person and that has been confirmed by the way he lived his life. We will miss him.

Billy and Brenda Cox

Billy Cox - July 18, 2022 at 09:33 AM

CB

“ *Colleen Briggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Colleen Briggs - July 17, 2022 at 10:40 AM

AR

“ *Colby, Amy, Ava, & Libby Rockey*



Amy Rockey - July 17, 2022 at 09:30 AM

BH

“ *Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Brent Hale - July 17, 2022 at 09:28 AM

CT

“ *Chuck & Lisa Towe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Chuck & Lisa Towe - July 17, 2022 at 09:02 AM

KL

“ *Karl Randy Lambeth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Karl Randy Lambeth - July 17, 2022 at 08:30 AM

CS

“ *Love and prayers for all of you!*

Christy (Townley) Stanart - July 17, 2022 at 08:29 AM

JC

One of the finest men you will ever know.

Jimmy & Becky Craig - July 17, 2022 at 11:10 AM

MT

“ Prayers for your family, we loved Doug...



Mike and Sherie Tillison - July 16, 2022 at 11:15 PM

RT

“ Richard Tandy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills



richard tandy - July 16, 2022 at 10:40 PM

BK

“ Becky Krajewski lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills



Becky Krajewski - July 16, 2022 at 09:59 PM

JS

“ Jamie And Karen Skelton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills



Jamie and Karen Skelton - July 16, 2022 at 07:56 PM

FA

“ Sorry to hear about Dougeeeee ,what a wonderful Mentor he was.

f ashabranner - July 16, 2022 at 07:29 PM



“ Barbara J Jolley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills



Barbara J Jolley - July 16, 2022 at 06:08 PM

SL

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers prayers to Doug's family. 🙏🙏🙏
Susan and Fred Lingle



Susan Lingle - July 16, 2022 at 05:55 PM

TC

“ Tony And Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills



Tony and Anita Cavaliere - July 16, 2022 at 04:18 PM

MR

“ Mike Robertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills



Mike Robertson - July 16, 2022 at 03:28 PM

CM

“ One of my most favorite people. Always forthright but kind. And a mischievous smile that made you smile.... And then wonder. Holding the family in my heart and loudly in my prayers



Claudia Morgan-Gray - July 16, 2022 at 02:47 PM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills



Gary Wilkerson - July 16, 2022 at 02:34 PM

JH

“ Jerry And Carol Phillips Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills



Jerry and Carol Phillips Harris - July 16, 2022 at 02:10 PM

DL

“*Doug, or “Dougie” as I’ve always known him since we were boys in Pasadena, was a close friend whom I enjoyed many adventures with. He was a true, honest, steady and happy friend. I will miss him greatly.*”



David Lemons - July 16, 2022 at 01:18 PM

SD

“*All my love and sympathy. What a wonderful man!*”



Sherri Davis - July 16, 2022 at 01:17 PM

SH

“*Sue Henderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*”



Sue Henderson - July 16, 2022 at 01:08 PM

DD

“*Donny & Mary Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*”



Donny & Mary Davis - July 16, 2022 at 01:03 PM

MR

“ First met Doug in 1982 when he was teaching SS at FBC to a group of us freshmen boys he encouraged me and helped direct my path at a young age. Thru the years he was always there to offer wise counsel at many pivotal moments in my life. Time spent with Doug was special be it breakfast @ Store n More or setting on a tailgate of a pickup along some random county road whenever our paths may have crossed. My fondest memories would be when Doug and I was paired up as hunting buddies on an Elk hunting trip in New Mexico with Mike Wilhite & Scott Crawford those are fun memories that I cherish. But most of all the words of encouragement and Godly wisdom will last a lifetime. You will be truly missed my friend. I love you my brother. Until we met again. Love Mike & Cathy Robertson and Family

Mike Robertson - July 16, 2022 at 12:12 PM

BS

“ A pic from the past. The outlaws of the Mills/Schneider Bunch



Bob Schneider - July 16, 2022 at 10:37 AM

PP

“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills



pud patterson - July 16, 2022 at 10:15 AM

BH

“ *Barry Hampton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Barry Hampton - July 16, 2022 at 09:41 AM

CS

“ *Carol Sledge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



carol sledge - July 16, 2022 at 08:19 AM

LW

“ *Lacy Hale Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Lacy Hale Weaver - July 16, 2022 at 08:07 AM

SM

“ *Shannon Marsh Mckey& Jason McKey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Shannon Marsh Mckey& Jason McKey - July 16, 2022 at 07:38 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Doug. Our paths crossed while I was a paper carrier throwing the Laneville route he was usually visiting with friends at Brad Martin's Store and I also threw his Dallas paper in town. Doug was a very kind person always enjoyed visiting with him at Store & Moore in the mornings. In the past several years he'd come to Dollar General to buy Gloria Blue Bell I bet he was getting it for him too. Doug will be missed. I can hear him walking in and saying how you Donna. Prayers for the family.
Donna Dorsey Aaron

Donna Aaron - July 16, 2022 at 02:20 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the family. Mr. Mills was always such a sweet man who loved his family and was a great neighbor. Growing up across the street I was often at their house and he always told the best stories about his hunting trips. Prayers for all of you during this time.

Jennifer Riley Adams - July 16, 2022 at 12:11 AM



“ Doug Mills, one hell of a great man. This world has lost one of the best men, I've ever known, but it's eternity's gain. RIP Doug, you'll always be missed.

Pat and Linda Adams

Pat Adams - July 15, 2022 at 10:44 PM

GG

“ Greg And Melinda Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills



Greg and Melinda Gibson - July 15, 2022 at 10:15 PM

CB

“ Doug Mills was one of the finest men that I ever met. Doug's commitment to God, his family, his community, his work, and friends was unshakable. Doug was always always encouraging others. I asked Mr. Mills several times for advice and the advice he gave me was strong and true. Doug was a great husband, father, grandfather, and counselor to his family. What a huge loss to his family, friends, and community. Though Doug is now in Heaven, he will never be forgotten here on Earth. Prayers for Gloria, Andy, Toby, Brady, and the entire family. Enjoy Heaven my friend.



Chad Boatwright - July 15, 2022 at 09:35 PM



Christie Gambrell

“ Charlie and I are so grieved to hear of Doug's death. He and Gloria were special to us in a multitude of ways.



Christie Gambrell - July 15, 2022 at 09:17 PM

MG

“ *Missy Hacker & Steve Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Missy Hacker & Steve Green - July 15, 2022 at 09:10 PM

TG

“ *Tami Stone Grubbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Tami Stone Grubbs - July 15, 2022 at 09:06 PM

TG

“ *Mr Mills was one of a kind ...so sweet and kind I loved all the early mornings cooking for you at the Store n More...heaven gained a very special angelyou were loved n will be missed.....*

Tami Stone Grubbs - July 15, 2022 at 09:05 PM

JT

“ *Mr. Mills was one of the finest men I have known. A real gentleman. A very wise man that always treated you the same way every time he saw you. A tremendous loss. Prayers for all the family.*

John Taylor - July 15, 2022 at 08:31 PM

AM

“ Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills



Amy Miley-Payne - July 15, 2022 at 08:11 PM

BP

“ Prayers for family

Beth Hale Pope

Beth Pope - July 15, 2022 at 07:59 PM

DH

“ Doug Mills was one of the finest men I've ever known in this life. As a mentor, his wisdom, incite, and encouragement was extraordinary. We lost a good one this week.

David Hill - July 15, 2022 at 07:35 PM

CS

“ Carl & Diana Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills



Carl & Diana Smith - July 15, 2022 at 06:54 PM

CW

“ Johnny and I were so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. Sending prayers for peace and comfort during this sad time.

Cyndi Walker - July 15, 2022 at 06:17 PM

DW

“ *Dianne Wylie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Doug Mills*



Dianne Wylie - July 15, 2022 at 06:15 PM

BB

“ *A big man with a big heart! He was about his family and faith in God. We extend our deepest sympathy and love to the entire Mills family.*

Bill Baker - July 15, 2022 at 06:08 PM

HF

“ *Andy & family, I'm so sorry to hear this. Your dad was one of a kind! Always smiling and knew how to make others smile as well. He will be missed by so many. Prayers for you all.*

Holli Bridges & family - July 15, 2022 at 05:49 PM