



## Dr. Alfred E. Morris

November 21, 1923 - January 20, 2012

Memorial Services for Dr. Alfred E. "Son" Morris, 88, are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 24, 2012, under the direction of Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home at First Methodist Church in Henderson, Texas with Dr. David Luckert officiating. A reception will follow in the church parlor immediately following the services. Our Daddy passed away Friday, January 20, 2012 in Henderson after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born November 21, 1923 to the late Otho and Lavie Harper Morris. He attended Laneville School and graduated from Henderson High School in 1941. He was sworn into the Army in 1944 during WWII. He served in Germany where he rose to the rank of Sergeant First Class in the 14th Armored Division and achieved the status of Sharp Shooter. After his military service, he attended Kilgore College where he met his wife Mary Cheek. He went on to North Texas State University and received his Medical Degree from Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, Texas in 1954. After receiving his medical degree, he completed his internship at Parkland Medical Center Dallas followed by a Residency at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. He was a member of the American Medical Association as well as the Texas Medical Association. Before his illness, Son was an avid hunter. He enjoyed his annual pheasant hunt to South Dakota with many special friends. Daddy loved his many cars. Whether he was polishing them daily, driving them too fast, or restoring them, including his prized 1953 Hudson, which was featured on the cover of Classic Auto Restorer Magazine. He also looked forward to his monthly lunch date

with his high school Class of '41. Our Daddy was a man of honor and integrity who was admired and respected by his girls, his patients, and his peers. He humbly devoted his life to the care and well being of others, and particularly enjoyed watching the many babies that he delivered grow into adulthood. He also had the privilege of delivering the first set of identical triplets born in Henderson. He was preceded in death by his parents and his infant twin daughter, Maria Eugenia. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Cheek Morris, and their daughters: Leigh Ann Morris of Henderson, Melinda Denson and her husband Mitchell of Tyler, Jennifer Thomas, and Suzanne Dotson and her husband Hardy of Henderson; grandchildren, Morgan, Mallory, and Mason Denson, Taylor and Kelsey Thomas, and Nolan and Conner Dotson; sisters Helen Markwell and husband, Ken of Memphis, TN, Dorothy Baker and husband Ross, and Bettie Ann Purdie all of Houston; also several nieces and nephews. The family wishes to express a heartfelt appreciation to his loving and dedicated caregivers: Lynette Sheppard, Rhonda Smith, Tammie Johnson, Alice Wiegman, and Christy Freeney Henderson. Without them, Daddy's journey would have been more difficult than it was? We love you, Girls. We would also like to thank Emeritus of Henderson and Gail McGaugh of Hospice of East Texas. Memorials may be made to the Bethel Cemetery Association Fund at 4467 CR 314 S., Henderson, TX 75654, and/or the First United Methodist Church, 204 N Marshall, Henderson, TX 75652. Condolences may be made at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com)

# Previous Events

## visitation

JAN **24**. 3:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
204 N. Marshall  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ I have just now heard of Dr. Morris's death He was the best doctor I have ever Known .He was my first doctor . The best I will ever have

Jo Hawkins - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ My family and I are saddened to hear about the passing of Dr.Morris,he was a great family doctor and seemed to have a bedside manner second to none,they don't make em like that anymore,he will be greatly missed.

Daniel Hooks - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ To the Morris family. I must say my heart is saddened at th loss of our Dear Dr Morris. They broke the mold when he was made, there is not another one like him. I have so many memories of our time working together at dear old HMM. May God give you peace and comfort in this difficult time.

Toni Harkless - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

I just found out about Dr. Morris Passing, He was Our Family Doctor, He Delivered all Three of us, And Continued being our Doctor until we moved away, In the 70's, To my knowledge he was a great Doctor to Our Family, God Bless Him and His Family.

Deborah Hayes Brittain - March 09 at 11:56 PM

MA

“ *Mary & Family. What a sad time for the whole town. Dr. Morris was 1 of a kind. Best Dr. we ever had. He wasn't only a Dr. but such a caring & humorous person. I remember him coming to our house at midnight when I was sick. We talked about any & everything. I really Loved Him & am sad he is gone but proud he isn't suffering & is at Peace with God. We can rejoice knowing we will see him again in Heaven. Prayers & thoughts are with you. Merlene & Denny Ainsworth*

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**Merlene Ainsworth** - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ *we're so sorry for the loss of dr.morris, and we will keep you all in our prayers. stay strong and keep the faith (for vera bell)!*

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**frederick and marilyn bowens** - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Girls - Please know that you are in my thoughts in the loss of your dad. Ms Hudson*

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**m Joe Hudson** - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Gene, My uncle. One of my mentors. We will miss you. Joe*

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**Dr. Joseph Cheek M.D.j** - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ As stated by others Dr. Morris was my childhood doctor. Seeing his face looking down at me when I was hurting so with the flu, I knew what was coming...a shot. It always did the trick! This was in the day of house calls too! He will be missed, but he's seeing after things now in beautiful pastures and fields!! And, of course, smiling with that gentle smile I fondly remember!

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**Judy (Lowe) Watson** - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Dr. Morris was such a fine man and doctor. He was so good to the Green family and touched a fourth generation before his retirement. Joe Dan's mother (the late Marilyn Brown) also had the privilege to work with him at HMH for many years. Our last memory of Dr. Morris is when Suzanne brought him to my grandfather's (the late Homer Green) visitation. A special memory of watching he and my grandmother both in wheelcharis sit and visit. We will always cherish our memories of Dr. Morris and will never forgot all that he did for us. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers...Joe Dan, Margaret (Green), Eric and Evan Brown

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**Joe Dan, Margaret (Green), Eric & Evan Brown** - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Mrs. Morris & family,I am so sorry to hear about Dr. Morris. I have such sweet memories of spending time in your home during those childhood years. Please know each one of you are in my prayers.Love,Mayann

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**Mayann Brightwell** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Melinda and Family,My deepest sympathies for your loss. My prayers will be with you all.

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**Lisa Barnes** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ So sad to hear about Dr. Morris' passing. I know heaven has a new angel. I know he will be missed. May God's daily presence minister to everyone's needs. With deepest sympathy, Rhonda

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**Rhonda Chapman** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Dear Melinda and Family, Your daddy sounds like a dear, sweet person with quite a bit of adventuresome spirit thrown in. Your memories will be parts of all of that. Love, thoughts and prayers to all. Elaine

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**Elaine Wilson** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Mrs. Morris and girls, we want to let you know we know how this time weighs on your spirits, but we also rest in the fact that Jesus Christ is there always for us to lean on . Take time and reflect on His love as you remember your earthly father, 'Son Morris'. He will be remembered by so many whom he touched. In Christ, Keith and Sue

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**Keith and Sue Brooks** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dr. Morris was my childhood doctor. He was a wonderful and caring doctor. My prayers and thoughts are with his family.

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**Marilyn Williams** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I will never forget Dr. Morris. He took care of me when I was pregnant with my firstborn son, Eric. When he first saw me after the C section he said he had signed Eric up for the Dallas Cowboys because of my baby's wide shoulders!! His humorous ways made going to the doctor sort of FUN! LOL! My mom talked to Son not too long before she moved to Dallas. She always thought the world of him, too. My prayers are with you all at this time. "I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord."

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**Jan Spann** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PI

“ morris family, please accept my deepest sympathy, dr morris was a kind, great, man. i know you will all miss him.

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**paul j ippolito** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Melinda and Family, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Debbie Wallace Holts

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**Debbie Wallace Holts** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Melinda and family, Our deepest sympathy! We are so sorry to hear about your loss. We know you will always cherish the good times and keep all the fond memories in your heart. Please know that we love you and are praying for you and your family. God Bless! Hal and Lisa

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**Hal and Lisa Wells** - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ To the Morris Family- I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Morris was indeed a man of wit and integrity. He delivered myself, my brother and my daughter Kim- almost 30 years ago. In addition he was my family physician for as long as I resided in Henderson. He never failed to ask about my family when I saw him and had a genuine compassion for the profession he chose. As someone stated earlier- he is the LAST of his kind. May God Bless you all and sustain you in the days ahead.

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**Mary Davis** - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ MRS MORRIS AND FAMILY GEORGE AND I ARE SO SORRY ..WE REALLY LOVE AND APPREICATED DR.MORRIS..I WORKED FOR DR.BRASWELL BACK WHEN AND SAW DR.MORRIS TOO..ALL OF YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS IN THE DAYS TO COME..GEORGE & NELDA BRADY

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**gGEORGE & NELDA BRADY** - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Mary, I am so sorry to hear about Dr. Morris. I visited with him on the first day of August and we had a good visit. He enjoyed talking about the old cotton farm. He was a great man who will be missed by many. My prayers are with you and yours at this time.

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**Mary Lou Fears** - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Dear Melinda and Family:My prayers are with you during this time.Lynda

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**Lynda Anderson** - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen Price - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Morris family. Dr. Morris is one amazing man who will always be remembered with admiration and love. God Bless you all!Terry

Terry L. Cooper - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Morris Family,Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. You all have a special place in hearts. May you find the peace that passes all understanding that only our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ can give. God Bless you all.

Donna Smith McNevin & Albert & Vivian Smith - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ So sorry to hear of this. He was my doctor until I left home in 1974. Rusk County has lost a great man.. May God bless his family.

Mike Duncan - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dr. Morris was a kind, friendly, and compassionate man of integrity. He will be missed by all.Billy MartinLongview, tex

Billy Martin - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ I'm so sorry for the loss suffered by your family and so many others. Dr. Morris was such a great person. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Fondly, Vanessa Sloan Faulkner

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**Vanessa Sloan Faulkner** - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ I am at a loss for words to see that our dear Doctor Morris has left this world. So many memories flash back through my mind. All good ones. He was my personal physician and I also worked with him at HMH for years. He said exactly what was on his mind and didn't mind sharing it with anyone. He marched to his own drummer... carrying that black bag with him with each step. The world is a sadder place without him in it. PLease accept my sincerest condolences. He will be greatly missed. One of a kind and the LAST of his kind! Sincerlely, Robin Arnn

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**Robin Arnn** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Words cannot express how sad we are. Curt said "an end of an era, such a good man". Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Stacy and Curt Frisbie** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My family and I are praying for peace and comfort for the Morris family. Dr. Morris helped many many people over the years to live healthier lives. Now it is his time to rest in heavenly peace.

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**Jamie Skelton** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Mary, I am so sorry to hear about Dr Morris. May God be with you and your family during this time He was loved by so many. Beth, Tonja, Sonja and Mandy*

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**Beth Hale Pope** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM