



Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges

November 20, 1939 - January 9, 2026

A celebration of the life of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges, 86, of Henderson, will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, January 12, 2026, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home, with Jeff Griffin officiating. Interment will follow at New Salem Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 4:00 PM on Sunday, January 11, at the funeral home.

Mr. Hodges passed from this life on January 9, 2026, at his residence. He was born at home in New Salem, Texas, on November 20, 1939, to the late L.J. "Bogie" and Audrey Pett (Lee) Hodges.

Known by family and friends as a gentle giant and truly a man among boys, Buddy lived most of his life in Henderson and graduated from Henderson High School in 1958, where he was a standout athlete in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He went on to attend Kilgore College, playing football for the Rangers, where he met the love of his life, Sandra Gay Pugh. They were married in 1959 and moved to Houston, where Buddy attended the University of Houston and proudly played football for the Cougars.

After returning home with his bride, Sandra, Buddy went to work at his family's

sawmill as a supervisor and also served as a proud member of the Army National Guard.

Buddy and Sandra adopted two beloved daughters, Monica and Angie. He was often found on Lake Striker pulling his girls behind the boat, taking them on snow skiing vacations in Colorado and New Mexico, and taking them for motorcycle rides on the backroads of East Texas. Buddy built his family a beautiful Spanish-style home in New Salem, lovingly known as “the Alamo.”

Buddy loved the simple joys of life — riding horses, admiring old cars, watching westerns and sports, and relaxing in his recliner with a good chew of tobacco. He enjoyed playing golf at Henderson Country Club during his retirement years.

Buddy was also a longtime and faithful member of First Methodist Church in Henderson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Sandra Hodges; sister Daun Merlyn McGregor and husband Lynn; brother Jack Hodges; sister-in-law Carolyn Pettit and husband C.J.; brother-in-law Pete Costlow; nephews, Gary and Terry McGregor, and two great-grandbabies.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughters, Monica Griffin and husband Jeff, and Angie Powell and husband Coy; grandchildren Shelby White and husband Ryan, Cy Moore, Hunter Martin, Nolan Griffin, and Rade Griffin and wife Jaycee; great-grandchildren Jaxon Martin, Weston White, Everly White, Livvy White, and Taylor Higginbotham; sister Lenora "Sis" Costlow; sisters-in-law Jean Hodges, and Debbie Lain and husband Charles; Special friends and caregivers, James Keith, Rose Cook, and Donna Melton; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other family and many friends.

Pallbearers will be Cy Moore, Hunter Martin, Nolan Griffin, Rade Griffin, Jeff Griffin, and Coy Powell. Honorary pallbearers will be Shelby White, Jax Martin, Weston White, Everly White, Livvy White, and Taylor Higginbotham.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Henderson Athletic Booster Club, First United Methodist Church in Henderson, the Wounded Warrior Project or the charity of your choice.

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

Cemetery Details

New Salem Cemetery

CR 4258 D
New Salem, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

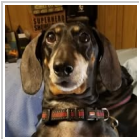
Tribute Wall

HM

“ Hal And Rosa Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges



Hal and Rosa Martin - January 15 at 03:50 AM



“ Really enjoyed visiting with Buddy. The conversation always turned to sawmilling. We both agreed that lumber was too cheap, logs too high and labor got worse every year.

Carter Langford - January 14 at 05:54 PM

JD

“ Monica and Angie and families, Jim and I are sad that you lost your Dad. He was a Gentle Giant and a good man! We had a lot of great times with him and Sandra. Our love to all of you!



Jim and Mary Dudley - January 12 at 08:59 PM

LW

“ Lacy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges



Lacy Weaver - January 11 at 08:16 PM

PP

“ *Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges*



Pud Patterson - January 11 at 04:42 PM

SH

“ *Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges*



Sue Henderson - January 11 at 01:54 PM

BL

“ *My thoughts and prayers to Monica and Angie and the Hodges family. As a young man, I had few heroes I looked up to, my cousin Buddy was one of those. Buddy, Sandra, Sis, Jack, Aunt Pet and Uncle Bogie were a big part of my life while growing up. So many happy memories come to mind. Buddy was a "big man" in more ways than just size, and he leaves a wonderful legacy. Saddened to see him depart us. I pray for all the family and the "peace of God that passes all understanding"... Thank you Buddy...your cousin, Billy Wayne Lee*

Billy Wayne Lee - January 11 at 10:33 AM

MT

“ Mike Taliaferro lit a candle in memory of Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges



Mike Taliaferro - January 11 at 10:05 AM

BJ

I'm so sorry to hear this. Jim and I thought the world a buddy. Our prayers are with you guys and just remember how much we loved you.

Becky Jordan - January 12 at 04:40 PM

ML

“ Mary Lowe lit a candle in memory of Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges



Mary Lowe - January 11 at 01:01 AM

AM

“ Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges



Amy Miley-Payne - January 10 at 07:52 PM

DB

“ *Damon & Jill Bassett lit a candle in memory of Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges*



Damon & Jill Bassett - January 10 at 05:42 PM

RE

“ *Robert & Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory of Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges*



Robert & Dianne Everitt - January 10 at 05:34 PM

TC

“ *Tony And Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges*



Tony and Anita Cavaliere - January 10 at 04:19 PM

GW

“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges*



Gary Wilkerson - January 10 at 12:12 PM

KH

“ *Mollie & Ken Hale*



Ken Hale - January 10 at 11:31 AM

HH

“ *Oh Monica and Angie, I am so very sorry! You lost a prince of a daddy and your best friend! I am praying that God gives you peace and comfort during this time of sorrow!*

Helen Hays - January 10 at 11:18 AM

PD

“ *Pat Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges*



Pat Davis - January 10 at 10:51 AM

CW

“ *So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Sending sympathy to all the family.*

Cyndi/Johnny Walker - January 10 at 10:36 AM

BG

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



Bonnie Geddie - January 10 at 10:33 AM

AL

“ *Prayers for your family. I am sorry for your loss.*



Ann Lemon - January 10 at 10:24 AM

DW

“ *Dianne Wylie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges*



Dianne Wylie - January 10 at 10:21 AM

JD

“ We love the Hodges Family!! So many sweet memories of Mr. Buddy. We will have you all in our thoughts and prayers. Cherish the times you had with him and keep them close to your hearts.

Our love always,

The Jerry Don Dorman Family ~ Isaiah 40:31

POP, Mama Pat, Jeremy, Lance, Allison and girls



Jerry Don and Pat Edens Dorman - January 10 at 09:45 AM

JJ

“ Jake Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges



Jake Jordan - January 10 at 09:14 AM

RS

“ Robbie Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges



Robbie Stephens - January 10 at 09:08 AM

ED

“ Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges



Elaine Davis - January 10 at 09:06 AM

TS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Craig and Paula



The Sweeneys - January 10 at 08:46 AM

SW

“ Sue Willis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges



Sue Willis - January 10 at 08:45 AM

GE

“ Gloria Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges



Gloria Edwards - January 10 at 07:46 AM



“ *May your father rest in peace and his memory be eternal.*



MamaJoni Ewing - January 10 at 07:35 AM

SJ

“ *Stanley Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges*



Stanley Jackson - January 10 at 07:22 AM

CD

“ *A great guy. Enjoyed spending some time playing basketball with Buddy on the weekends back in the day. My best condolences to family. Chad Dean*

Chad Dean - January 10 at 05:17 AM

GK

“ *Gene Kelsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges*



Gene Kelsey - January 09 at 10:30 PM

DA

“ Donna Dorsey Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges



Donna Dorsey Aaron - January 09 at 10:01 PM

SC

“ I grew up and went to school with Buddy. He was a great guy who will be missed by all who knew him. My condolences to his family.

Shirley Bundrick Christie - January 09 at 08:47 PM

LS

“ Linda And Ray Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges



Linda and Ray Simmons - January 09 at 08:26 PM

BP

“ Benny Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges



Benny Payne - January 09 at 07:41 PM

AF

“ *Aubry & Sharon Favors lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges*



Aubry & Sharon Favors - January 09 at 06:44 PM

DN

“ *Not just a memory, but I feel like a family member has passed away I've known Buddy my whole life. We grew up just around the corner from each other. Of course, he was quite a bit older than me, but I mean I've always known him then I got to stay with Sandra when she was ill and then with Buddy for a little while. this family is like my family these girls and their families are like my family I love all of you*



Debra Nichols - January 09 at 06:43 PM

DM

“ *I am so proud to have been a part of this family's life, even though it was only for a short period of time. Buddy never failed to say "Thank you, thank you" whenever I made him a cup of coffee. He always helped when I changed the sheets on his bed. I will miss him.*

Donna Hudgins Melton - January 09 at 06:37 PM

CC

“ *Chris & Liz Buckner Cross lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges*



Chris & Liz Buckner Cross - January 09 at 05:37 PM

JT

“ *John Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward E. "Buddy" Hodges*



john taylor - January 09 at 04:54 PM