



Mr. Edwin T. High

June 11, 1911 - May 11, 2016

A military graveside service will be held celebrating the life of Edwin T. High at 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 13, 2016 at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Henderson, TX, with Brother Frank Lane officiating, under the direction of Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home. Family will receive friends one hour before the service at the cemetery.

Edwin was born to Sam & Maggie High on June 11, 1911, in Henderson, TX and went to be with his Lord and Savior on May 11th, 2016 at 104 years and 11 months old. At the time of his death, he was the oldest living Veteran in Rusk County. He was raised on the family farm and lived there in the same house of his childhood until 2011 when he was moved to Azalea House of Henderson.

Mr. High made his living as a bachelor and farmer on family land in Henderson. Edwin went to grade school at Farmers Institute for 7 years. At the age of about 11, his family decided for him to stay home and work the land. In August of 1942, Edwin enlisted in the United States Army in place of his younger brother who was drafted. He never talked to his family much about his time spent overseas in war. He served as a Sharpshooter and Truck Driver under the Battery B 660th Field Artillery Battalion until his honorable discharge in January 1946. Among his military decorations were the American Theater Campaign Medal, EAME Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, World

War 2 Victory Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

Edwin found joy in the nature of his farmland, whether he was chopping firewood, tending to cattle, riding the tractor, or just sitting on the porch watching over the animals and fields. His family plans to uphold the heritage and history of the land and house for many, many years to come.

In addition to his parents, Edwin was preceded in death by one brother, Herman High. Survivors include his niece, Sammie High Howeth and her four daughters: Pam Holland and husband, Joe; Tammie Staples and husband Jimmy; Sherrie Deutsch and Samantha Ware along with several great-great nieces and nephews. One of Edwin's most treasured caregivers was Joe Holland.

The family would like to express their deep appreciation to the staff and residents of Azalea House and Autumn Leaves for their care of Mr. High in his later years.

Condolences may be made online at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Hwy 323
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Military Graveside

MAY 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I am so saddened to hear that My sweet Mr. High has passed away but praising the Lord for taking him home. I never met another person in my life with more stories, endurance and determination. He was funny, sometimes alittle stubborn but he was very special to me during my time with him. My deepest condolences to the family. Lots of love, Stephanie Osteen

Stephanie Osteen - May 12, 2016 at 06:26 PM

EC

“ Elizabeth Ellis Crye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edwin T. High



Elizabeth Ellis Crye - May 12, 2016 at 05:36 PM

PB

“ Sammie, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that your entire family is in my prayers.

Patti Bryan - May 12, 2016 at 03:48 PM

RS

“ Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Stephen & Rhonda Stanfield



Rhonda Stanfield - May 11, 2016 at 11:53 PM

RW

“ When I first went to work for Henderson Clay Products as a pumper, I was informed about the High brothers. One was a talker and the other never said a word. I met Herman and Edwin and found that to be true. Seeing them on a daily basis and talking to Herman and Edwin nodding in agreement to these conversations continued for a few months. Then one day Edwin showed up by himself. An hour long conversation ensued. I guess it just took a while for him to warm up to me. I always looked forward to our daily meetings and learned so much about our counties history. I will always remember him with great affection and the utmost respect.

Richard Wallace - May 11, 2016 at 10:38 PM

SW

“ Sam & Ginny Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edwin T. High



Sam & Ginny Williams - May 11, 2016 at 10:31 PM

LR

“ Lorraine White Ruegsegger lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edwin T. High



Lorraine White Ruegsegger - May 11, 2016 at 09:42 PM

AH

“ I knew this man. He was a customer of my dad when I was a young boy. He impressed me. He was honest, hard working and lived in peace. My dad told me he was the last of a great breed of men with those attributes who worked the land. My dad was right. God Bless Mr. High for being a good example to a small boy. God Bless his family.

Aubrey Hammett - May 11, 2016 at 07:24 PM

RH

“ Ray Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edwin T. High



Ray Hunt - May 11, 2016 at 07:23 PM

ES

“ Elwanda Hunt Sheridan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edwin T. High



Elwanda Hunt Sheridan - May 11, 2016 at 07:14 PM

KH

“ Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edwin T. High



Kurt Hunt - May 11, 2016 at 07:13 PM

RJ

“ Randy And Tracey Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edwin T. High



Randy and Tracey Johnson - May 11, 2016 at 06:22 PM

RJ

Edwin was an important part of our family and I remember him coming to my grandparents home for Sunday dinner. We all knew of his service to our Country but he was private about that time in his life. We know you are in heaven with Aunt Donnie, Uncle Herman, Grandpa and Grandma Utzman, and my Daddy as well as many others.

Heaven gained another angel from our family, Tracey

Randy and Tracey Johnson - May 11, 2016 at 06:27 PM