



Mr. Joe Orville Todd

January 2, 1922 - August 12, 2018

Joe Orville Todd of Henderson joined his Lord and Savior in heaven on August 12, 2018. Born January 2, 1922, Orville was the 7th and youngest child of James Clayton Todd and Bessie Busby Todd. Orville attended public school at Oak Hill until the school closed and then transferred to Henderson High School, graduating in 1939. Orville attended Kilgore College then one semester with his brothers at the University of Iowa to run track before transferring to Stephen F. Austin in the fall of 1941, where he was a student when the attack on Pearl Harbor occurred. Like many Americans, Orville immediately enlisted to serve his country.

A member of the Army's 88th Infantry Division and 913th Field Artillery Battalion, Orville served as Staff Sergeant and Forward Observer with his unit from North Africa to the Po Valley in northern Italy, receiving a Bronze Star, 2 Oak Clusters, and numerous citations along the way. Orville, or "Joe" as he was called in the army, was selected from the 913th Field Artillery Battalion as its most outstanding enlisted man, "seeing more front-line action than any other individual in the 913th Battalion from Cassino until the enemy was defeated in Italy."

After the war ended, Orville returned to SFA in the spring semester of 1946 to complete his college education and served as President of the Senior Class, President of the Sawyers social club, Senior Class Favorite, and was active in

SFA Athletics, especially the track team. Orville graduated with a degree in Agriculture in 1947. In addition to raising cattle, Orville taught agriculture classes for returning veterans, had a brief stint working in the oilfields with Gulf Oil Company, and in 1953 began his long career at Henderson Clay Products.

While at SFA, Orville met fellow student Bobbie Hargis of Nacogdoches, and the two of them became inseparable. Orville and Bobbie married on February 22, 1948. Baptized in the Todd Branch by Millville Baptist Church as a boy, Orville was later ordained a Deacon. Orville and Bobbie worshipped and served at Millville Baptist Church until the rural church discontinued services, at which time they moved their membership to First Baptist Church of Henderson. Their strong faith in God supported them through the toughest challenge, the accidental death of their oldest son, Joe Clayton Todd, at age five in 1957.

Orville served for many years on the SFA Alumni Association Board of Directors and was honored as Outstanding Alumnus in 1981. Over the years, Orville also served on the boards of Rusk County Library, Nations Bank, Henderson High School Ex-Students, and Millville Cemetery Committee. Orville was a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner.

After his love for God, family, country and community, Orville's passions were raising cattle, hunting, and reminiscing with family and friends. His grandchildren and great-children particularly loved hearing Papa tell stories, whether they were about his time in the war or his lively family; we sat on the edge of our seats as if we were right there with him. Orville enjoyed meeting people of all ages and found a way to connect with every person he encountered. He had a wonderful sense of humor, a boisterous, infectious laugh, and he never met a stranger.

Greeting Orville in heaven are son, Joe Clayton Todd, parents, Clate and Bessie Todd, and siblings, Mary Holleman, Grace Pratt Moffett, Ethel Bryan, Walter Todd, Ralph Todd, Erma Jean Douthit, and infant half-sister Oscar Lee Still.

Celebrating Orville's 96 years of life are his wife of 70 years, Bobbie Hargis Todd of Henderson, son and daughter-in-law Richard and Debbie Todd of Henderson, daughter and son-in-law Bobbie Ann and Ron Anderson of Nacogdoches, grandchildren Meredith Todd of Longview, Morgan and Michael Loosier of Henderson, Mallory and Jon Terry of Lindale, Paul and Sara Smith of Nacogdoches, Leigh and Patrick Middleton of San Antonio, and Mark Anderson of California, great-grandchildren Brayden, Cannon, Audrey, Abbey, Paisley, Kennedy, and Clate, along with many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at Millville Baptist Church, northeast of Henderson, Texas, on FM 782, officiated by Dr. Bruce Tankersley and Rev. Bill Kuykendall. A reception with family will follow the Memorial Service.

Pallbearers are grandsons and great-grandsons Paul Smith, Patrick Middleton, Brayden Loosier, Michael Loosier, Cannon Terry, Clate Terry, Jon Terry, and Mark Anderson.

Honorary Pallbearers are nephews James Todd, Billy Todd Bryan, Cliff Todd, Ralph Todd, Cliff Stephens, John Holleman, Edward Weeks, Mike Teague, Pat Teague, John Hargis, Tim Elder, Richard Curtis, and friends Lee Dale Wallace, Joel Hale, Jimmy McMillen, Chad Dean, Kenneth Orr, Mike Toon, Milton McGee, Bob Slover, Bob Sitton, Burr Conway, Max Reinbach, Joe Wallace, and Harold Pool.

If desired, memorial donations may be made in Orville's name to Millville Baptist Church and Cemetery, c/o Mack Bassett, 110 Baker St., Henderson TX 75652 or the organization of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home.
Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Millville Cemetery

FM 782 at CR 254
TX 75652

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

Millville Baptist Church
FM 782
Henderson, TX 75652

Tribute Wall



“ *Dianna Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Dianna Kelley - September 12, 2018 at 01:32 AM



“ *Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Brent Hale - August 22, 2018 at 06:46 AM



“ *We are sorry to hear about your loss. Mr. Todd was always a gentleman and kind to me. You are in our prayers. Charles and Lacy Rader*



Charles Rader - August 17, 2018 at 10:42 PM



“ *Expressing heartfelt sympathy that God will comfort the family and ease the loss you bear. Love, J. Paul and Glenda K. Nelson*



Glenda - August 17, 2018 at 10:37 AM

GA

“ *Gale Austin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Gale Austin - August 17, 2018 at 06:47 AM

SR

“ *Suzanne Reed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Suzanne Reed - August 16, 2018 at 08:31 PM



“ *Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Donna Aaron - August 16, 2018 at 04:41 PM

JD

“ *Praying for all of you on the loss of Mr Todd.*



Jim and Jeanie Dickeson - August 16, 2018 at 04:08 PM

JA

“ *JaNan Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



JaNan Abbott - August 15, 2018 at 10:52 PM

JY

“ *Jim & Wilma Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Jim & Wilma Young - August 15, 2018 at 06:27 PM

SB

“ *Susan Spivey Barrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Susan Spivey Barrett - August 15, 2018 at 04:01 PM

DF

“ *Diane Flanagan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Diane Flanagan - August 15, 2018 at 12:25 PM

CW

“ We are so sorry about Mr. Todd's passing. Our condolences to all of you during this sad time.



cyndi Walker - August 15, 2018 at 09:49 AM

MM

“ Mike Mason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd



Mike Mason - August 15, 2018 at 08:42 AM

KT

“ I grew up in Oak Hill. I knew Mr. Orville as his land joined my Daddy, R. T. Hampton's land. Back in those days everyone knew their neighbors even the ones across the fence. My Daddy always spoke highly of Mr. Orville and his Dad Mr. Clate. When the oil wells "came in" the Todds had a party and neighbors were invited. The family is in my prayers. Sally K. Trammell

Kay Trammell - August 15, 2018 at 08:07 AM

BT

“ Thoughts and prayers, wishing for peace and comfort for the Todd family, friends and neighbors.



Bruce Tate - August 15, 2018 at 02:12 AM

JT

“ Jean Tate lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd



Jean Tate - August 15, 2018 at 02:05 AM

KC

“ Kyle Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd



Kyle Cole - August 15, 2018 at 12:29 AM

PK

“ Peggy Keeling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd



Peggy Keeling - August 14, 2018 at 03:32 PM

AR

“ Amy Ashby Rockey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd



Amy Ashby Rockey - August 14, 2018 at 02:24 PM

DV

“ Dorothy Bassett VanSickle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd



Dorothy Bassett VanSickle - August 14, 2018 at 11:52 AM

BB

“ Betty Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd



Betty Brown - August 14, 2018 at 10:18 AM

DB

“ Don Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd



Don Brown - August 14, 2018 at 10:14 AM

JD

“ We lost a "John Wayne" of a man. He will be missed!

Jim and Mary Dudley - August 14, 2018 at 09:48 AM

JD

“ *Jim And Mary Dudley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Jim and Mary Dudley - August 14, 2018 at 09:46 AM

MT

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Meredith Todd - August 14, 2018 at 09:44 AM

BH

“ *Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Bob & Sue Henderson - August 14, 2018 at 09:09 AM

PP

“ *Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



pud patterson - August 14, 2018 at 08:51 AM

MJ

“ *Marilyn Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Marilyn Johnson - August 14, 2018 at 07:20 AM

ST

“ *Skipper and Patty Turner*

Skip Turner - August 14, 2018 at 07:09 AM

RS

“ *Stephen and Rhonda Stanfield*



Rhonda Stanfield - August 13, 2018 at 11:21 PM

MH

“ *Missy Hacker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Missy Hacker - August 13, 2018 at 10:51 PM

BM

“ *Becky Massengale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Becky Massengale - August 13, 2018 at 10:06 PM

RL

“ *Randall Leath lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Randall Leath - August 13, 2018 at 09:45 PM

DK

“ *I loved Mr. Todd and Mrs. Todd. He was a very nice gentleman. Always outgoing and loved to talk to me when he came into the hearing aid place, I worked at previously. He was certainly one of the last greatest guys around to this day. Your husband and Daddy was a great Christian man. He was blessed beyond measure and I was also just by knowing him and everything he stood for. My deepest sympathies to each of you. Mrs. Todd, Richard and Debbie David and are praying for you and thinking of you all. David & Kathy Chapman.*

David & Kathy - August 13, 2018 at 09:41 PM

DC

“ *David & Kathy Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



David & Kathy Chapman - August 13, 2018 at 09:32 PM

KM

“ *Kelley McCarter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Kelley McCarter - August 13, 2018 at 07:10 PM

TA

“ *I know you will miss him so much. He was a great man. Used to love to hear him and my Pop talking cattle.*

Terri McRae Allen - August 13, 2018 at 06:43 PM

LW

“ *Lee And Lisa Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Lee and Lisa Wallace - August 13, 2018 at 04:46 PM

LR

“ *My condolences*

Lester Ruth - August 13, 2018 at 04:44 PM

MG

“ *Mark & Nancy Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Mark & Nancy Gibson - August 13, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ *Aunt Bobbie, Richard and Bobbie Ann, and family, we are saddened by the passing of Uncle Orville. He was a larger than life hero to us. He kept us mesmerized with his wonderful abilities of sharing his stories from growing up, his service in the Army during the war, and about life in general. He was indeed one of those men of the “greatest generation” that has made America great!*

He will always be in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers go up for each of you!

We love you,

Cliff Todd and family

Cliff Todd - August 13, 2018 at 03:40 PM

CB

“ *Cyndy Broadus lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd*



Cyndy Broadus - August 13, 2018 at 03:24 PM

LH

“ L. D. And Jenny Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd



L. D. and Jenny Hardy - August 13, 2018 at 02:58 PM

JG

“ Jane G. Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Orville Todd



Jane G. Williams - August 13, 2018 at 01:50 PM

 John Holleman

“ I deeply miss Uncle Orville and his important influence on the life of my family. My mother, Mary Todd Holleman, was one of Uncle Orville's sisters and I have many, many recollections Mom, in Dallas, reaching Orville on the phone to get input and counsel on some vital issue or circumstance at hand. I have so many happy memories of Uncle Orville. All members of the Todd family - the brothers and sisters along with us cousins, gained tremendously by the steady influence of Uncle Orville in our lives. My love and prayers go to Aunt Bobbie, Richard and Bobbie Ann. We are all saddened with the loss of Uncle Orville.
John Holleman, Oxford, MS.

John Holleman - August 13, 2018 at 01:30 PM

WB

Orville Todd was a member of "The Greatest Generation" and proud of it !! I'm saddened to hear he has passed on but we all know he is in a better place. Rest In Peace "Cousin". !!!

William Brown - August 13, 2018 at 03:51 PM

JP

Clarence and I always enjoyed Cousin (Cuddin') Orville's visits and his encouragement. His devotion to Millville Church, Cemetery, and people inspired our generation to work toward preserving the property and ideals we inherited from our hard-working ancestors. He was a man who made a difference in the lives he touched.

*Love and prayers to Bobbie and their precious family,
Joan Carlisle Propes*

Joan Carlisle Propes - August 14, 2018 at 12:19 AM

DH

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

Dorothy Hunt - August 13, 2018 at 12:41 PM

CS

“ I am so sorry. Mr. Todd was a great man and has left a wonderful legacy. You are all in our prayers.

Craig & Paula Sweeney - August 13, 2018 at 12:39 PM

VM

“ What a wonderful man. He was a very positive influence on me in my younger years. Always a kind and courteous gentleman. He leaves a godly Christian heritage. May the Lord comfort his loved ones during this time of sadness, yet I know rejoicing that he is in the presence of His Savior!

Velta Gray Morris

Velta Gray Morris - August 13, 2018 at 11:36 AM