



Mr. Max Dorsey

September 9, 1939 - March 6, 2025

Funeral services for Mr. Max Dorsey, 85, of Henderson, will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in the chapel at Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home, with Dr. Steve Butler officiating. Interment will follow at Rusk County Memorial Gardens under the direction of Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 5:00–7:00 PM on Monday, March 10, at the funeral home.

Mr. Dorsey passed from this life to his Heavenly home on March 6, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on September 9, 1939, in Overton to the late R.G. and Irene (Jones) Dorsey and grew up in the Grandview community of Rusk County. He served in the Army National Guard and later resided in Lufkin after marrying his late wife, Sue. Mr. Dorsey later moved to Longview, where he worked as a draftsman and then an estimator for Texas Eastman. In 1985, the family returned to Henderson and built a home near his original homeplace, where he lived for the remainder of his life.

Mr. Dorsey was amazingly creative and funneled that creativity into woodcarving, painting, and drawing. He also restored classic cars and even built his own car from the ground up—a project he started at the age of 70. It's hard to remember Max Dorsey without thinking of his God-given talent for music. For 25 years, he sang with the family group, the Dorsey Quartet. He was also a member of the sanctuary choir at First Baptist Church, where he was a long-time member and was regularly called upon to provide special music for Sunday services. Max was one of the most talented men you could ever meet, yet he remained humble and served as he was called.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Sue Dorsey; brother, Roddy Dorsey; sister-in-law, Kay Dorsey Woodward; and niece, Debra Dorsey.

Survivors include his children, Channyce Havrda and husband David of Marble Falls, and Chance Dorsey and wife Kristi of Melissa; grandchildren, Austin Havrda and wife Kayla of

Embrun, Ontario, Canada, Travis Havrda of Georgetown, Brandon Dorsey of College Station, and Kenna Dorsey of Melissa; great-grandchildren, Colson and Hudson Havrda of Embrun, Ontario, and Noah Dorsey of Melissa; brothers, Farrell Dorsey and wife Faye of Henderson, Terry Dorsey and wife Jan of Henderson, and Danny Dorsey and wife Barbara of Tyler; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

The family would also like to extend their deepest gratitude to Max's caregivers, Ameshia Carey and Rose Cook, and to the nurses and staff of Hospice of East Texas for their dedicated and loving care for Max.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Brandon Dorsey and Travis Havrda, and nephews Marlin Dorsey, Keith Dorsey, Dodd Dorsey, and Chris Dorsey. Honorary pallbearers are grandson Austin Havrda and nephews Jay Dorsey and Daron Dorsey.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the London Museum, P.O. Box 477, New London, Texas, 75682, or online at <http://nlsd.net/Museum.htm>.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at <http://www.crawfordacrim.com>

Cemetery Details

Rusk County Memorial Gardens

Hwy 259 N.
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

MAR 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall

AM

“ Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Max Dorsey



Amy Miley-Payne - March 12, 2025 at 08:58 PM

CD

“ Chrysty Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Max Dorsey



Chrysty Dorsey - March 11, 2025 at 02:48 PM

RL

“ I worked with Max at Eastman. Also had him sing at our church in Longview. He was a great individual and I enjoyed my time with him.

Roger Lineberry - March 11, 2025 at 11:56 AM

CB

“ Chad Boatwright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max Dorsey



Chad Boatwright - March 10, 2025 at 07:21 PM

SH

“ Sue HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max Dorsey



Sue HENDERSON - March 10, 2025 at 02:35 PM

DC

“ *David & Kathy Chapman are sorry for all the Dorsey Family in the death of Max Dorsey.* ”



David Kathy Chapman - March 10, 2025 at 01:22 AM

VH

“ *Velmer Heim lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max Dorsey* ”



Velmer Heim - March 09, 2025 at 03:11 PM

AB

“ *I never met Max but he was a cousin of mine I think. Condolences to his family. My grandmother was Lollie Dorsey Reid.* ”

Ann Browning - March 09, 2025 at 03:02 PM

BS

“ *I enjoyed working with Max at Eastman several years. Also was humbled by his artistic talent. Prayerful thoughts are with the family.* ”

Bill Sharp - March 09, 2025 at 09:46 AM

SW

“ *Chance sorry about your dad, he was a joy to talk with a visit. A true car guy and willing to share his time and knowledge.* ”

Scott Webb - March 08, 2025 at 08:53 PM

RV

“ *Roberta Vallantyne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max Dorsey* ”



Roberta Vallantyne - March 08, 2025 at 08:32 PM

RV

“ *Roberta Vallantyne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max Dorsey*



Roberta Vallantyne - March 08, 2025 at 08:28 PM

RS

“ *Rex And Susan Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max Dorsey*



Rex and Susan Stevens - March 08, 2025 at 12:54 PM

DA

“ *Donna J Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max Dorsey*



Donna J Aaron - March 08, 2025 at 11:37 AM

LC

“ *Liz Crye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max Dorsey*



Liz Crye - March 08, 2025 at 09:27 AM

DS

“ *I enjoyed visiting with Max when he would come to the London Museum. His artistic talent always amazed me! My condolences to all the family.*

Debbie Stuart - March 08, 2025 at 03:34 AM

DS

“ Our prayers for each and every one of the family and friends of the Dorsey family.



Doyle and Margaret Sumrall - March 07, 2025 at 10:43 PM

CH

“ I use to love to hear him sing. I was just talking about it the other day. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for your family. Sorry I can't be there.

Catherine Hawkes - March 07, 2025 at 10:36 PM

FS

“ Fred And Leslie Spell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max Dorsey



Fred and Leslie Spell - March 07, 2025 at 09:53 PM

SC

“ Scott Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max Dorsey



scott Crawford - March 07, 2025 at 09:14 PM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max Dorsey



Gary Wilkerson - March 07, 2025 at 07:56 PM

WR

“ So sorry to hear about Maxie. We will celebrate again with him at the feet of Jesus. Prayers and hugs are with family. Wayne and Sandy Rushton

Wayne Rushton - March 07, 2025 at 06:54 PM

KE

“ *K. Eubanks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max Dorsey*



K. Eubanks - March 07, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ *Becky Hammett Rountree lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max Dorsey*



Becky Hammett Rountree - March 07, 2025 at 01:52 PM

AB

“ *Annette Burran lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max Dorsey*



Annette Burran - March 07, 2025 at 01:37 PM

SD

“ *I remember my parents, Harland and Barbara Barton, taking me and my sister to listen to the Dorsey quartet at Grandview Baptist Church. We all enjoyed being together at Dorsey family reunions. I am so sorry for your loss, but I know that Max is singing in the Heavenly choir to his Lord and Savior. Much love to all the family.*



Sherri Davis - March 07, 2025 at 11:38 AM

CW

“ *Praying for comfort for the family during this sad time.*

Cyndi/Johnny Walker - March 07, 2025 at 09:00 AM

KH

“ *Mollie & Ken Hale*



Ken Hale - March 07, 2025 at 08:41 AM

DA

“ *Prayers for all the family
Max gave me a CD he made in 2010.
I'd ride around throwing my paper route listen to it.
Donna Dorsey Aaron*



Donna J Aaron - March 06, 2025 at 11:23 PM

CD

“ *Chris Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max Dorsey*



Chris Dorsey - March 06, 2025 at 09:35 PM