



## R. B. "Brad" Holmes

October 6, 1926 - October 10, 2010

Funeral services for Brad Holmes, 84, of Henderson, will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010, at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Ricky Ricks and Kyle Holmes officiating under the direction of Crawford-A.Crim Funeral Home in Henderson. Mr. Holmes died Oct. 10, 2010, at ETMC Henderson. He was born Oct. 6, 1926, in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was an architectural engineer and was also retired from Bank of America. Mr. Holmes was a member of First United Methodist Church where he served as an office angel. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club for over 50 years, and may best be known for his Hats and Harmonica performances. Mr. Holmes served as past Chairman of the Board for Henderson Memorial Hospital, and he was a former mayor of Henderson. He also served his country and was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corp and was awarded a good conduct and victory medal upon the end of his service. He was preceded in death by: parents, Richard Bradford Holmes, Sr, and Irma Holmes. Survivors include: wife, Mary Beth Holmes of Henderson; son, Kyle Holmes and wife Julie of Bedford and step-sons, Frank Willis and John Willis of Tyler; daughter, Tere Holmes of Austin; brother, Lowell Holmes and wife Sandy of Harlingen; sister, Richie Solether and husband Tommy of Hawaii; grandson, Andrew Holmes of Bedford; granddaughters, Megan Holmes of Austin and Crystal Turnbow and husband Chris of Tyler; and two great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Terry Tyson, Buzz Fullen, Micheal Jimerson, Denzel Mobbs, Hollis Yates and Irvin Daughtery. Honorary pallbearers will be Kiwanis Club members and the Men's

Sunday School Class of First United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church at 204 North Marshall, Henderson, TX 75652. Condolences may be made at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com)

# Tribute Wall

PN

“ We were so saddened to learn about the passing of Mr. Holmes. Such a sweet spirit he possessed and shared with all who knew him. Our deepest sympathy to you all.

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**Paul and Glenda Nelson** - October 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our prayers are with your family at this time. Peace and blessings. Jim and Lynda Stroud

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**Jim & Lynda Stroud** - October 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear MaryBeth: We were saddened as we read about the passing of Brad. Each time we are back in Henderson, we always think of our times at Bern's house. Our thoughts and prayers are with you today. May God's peace surround you today. Love, Malcolm and Judy (Altenburg) Henderson

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**Malcolm/Judy Henderson** - October 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ The world has lost a bit of laughter with Brad's passing. He always had a smile on his face and love in his heart. Mary Beth I know you miss him so very much. I'm jealous . . . you have all of those awesome memories of your love for one another. My prayers go with you. My world is better because I call the two of you friends. May your heart feel His presence as Our Lord walks with you through this part of your journey. I'm always just a prayer away

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**Sherry Crenshaw** - October 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Mr. Holmes was a wonderful man. He was an excellent Mayor for our city and a fine gentleman. It was a true pleasure knowing him.*

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**Dwayne & Jan Pirtle** - October 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *MR. HOLMES ILL NEVER FORGET THAT GREAT BIG SMILE OF YOURS. ALSO, LETTING ME LISTEN TO YOU PLAY YOUR MUSIC. I WILL DEARLY MISS YOU*

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**mallory fertitta** - October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *A super guy who always had a super smile and attitude. He will be missed. Will be praying for those he loved and that loved him.*

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**Randy Ainsworth** - October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Brad, I enjoyed visiting with you at church and am glad to have known you. Gog Bless You.*

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**Brett L. Hayes** - October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Brad was such a delight & talented! Along with his music abilities he had a way of making people feel comfortable & appreciated. I know the residents of The Chalice Apartments & myself will really miss his bright eyes & smile. Sue Scott & The residents of The Chalice*

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**Sue Scott** - October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Brad Holmes was a good man. He will be rememberd for his devotion to family,country and his religion. Thanks for all the conversation and music over the years. My thoughts and prayers are with your family in their time of grief. May your cherished memories bring them comfort. God Bless You.

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**Donald Easley** - October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Totally shocked to hear of Brad's passing!Since first meeting Brad way back when he first came to East Texas, his smile and outlook on life were an inspiration! There was no such thing as a "bad day" for Brad. We never got the chance to "jam" with him and his harmonicas, but always intended to do so.Our friend, Billy Nations, and Brad were best buddies, and we were honored to be counted as both their friends. We will definitely miss him very much!

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**Don & Sue Lummus** - October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Mary Beth,My thoughts and prayers are with you. He was a good man. Our community was proud of him.Mozelle Duncan

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**Mozelle Duncan** - October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Brad Holmes was a true gentleman and one of the most encouraging and kind men I have ever known. His willing attitude, quick smile, and love of people spoke volumes about his Christian walk. He will be greatly missed both at church and in the community. My deepest sympathy to the family on your loss.

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**Cathy Hooper** - October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Mary Beth, I was saddened to hear about Brad's death. He brought so much pleasure in his latter years with his harmonica playing, including my mother when he played Happy Birthday to her. She loved that. We so enjoyed having him entertain the Presbyterian Women last year at my home--it was just a highlight of the holiday season. My sincere prayers and thoughts will be with you now and in the days to come. God Bless you and your family. With much love, Jane Fahle

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**jane fahle** - October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Kyle and family, My deepest sympathy on the loss of your Father. Shawn

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**Shawn McBride** - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Kyle, Julie, Megan, and Andrew Kami and I are so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jeff Swinney

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**Jeff Swinney** - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Brad you will be greatly missed by the citizens of Henderson and Rusk County. I remember you always had a smile on your face and whenever you walked into the room people would instantly light up. From one Airmen to another, thank you for your service to this nation. It is because of men and women like you that I am now able to serve my nation and give what you gave so many years ago.

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**Brian Russell** - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM