



Ray Edwards

April 30, 1930 - March 23, 2011

A memorial service for Ray Edwards, 80, of Henderson, will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2011, at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Bro. Randy Sceroler officiating. Born on April 30, 1930, in Tyler, Texas, Ray Edwards was the third son born to Dovie and William Hampton Edwards. He graduated from the University of Houston in 1959 with a degree in Physics; his post-graduate career was with Eastman Kodak in Longview, Texas, where he worked as a scientist in the plastics division for 34 years. At Eastman, he developed 30 US and 168 foreign patents in plastic coatings and extrusions. After retirement he earned a certificate in corrosion technology from Kilgore College. His grandchildren claim he was the "smartest man in the world." He served in active duty in the US Air Force as a pilot in the Korean conflict. He was a POW from November 1952 to September 1953. He loved to read, listen to classical music, follow college sports and spend time with his family and pets. He spoke German, Spanish and Hebrew and had a gift for languages and embellishing language. He is preceded in death by his wife of 30 years, Patricia Johnson Edwards, his parents, Dovie and W.H. Edwards and two brothers, Dan Michael Edwards and Billy Matt Edwards. Survivors include: children, Dan Edwards and wife Suzette, Ben Linthicum and wife Kaky, Lisa McConnell and husband Scott, Patti Urbina and husband Eduardo, and Linda Prior and husband Luke; and 15 grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Rusk County Library, C/O Pam Pipkin at 106 E. Main St., Henderson, TX 75652, and/or the Henderson Animal Shelter at 2257 HWY

259 S., Henderson, TX 75654.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ Just thinking about you today Grandpa. Miss you.

Matthew Edwards - March 28, 2023 at 10:08 AM

ME

“ Just wanted to say I'm thinking of you grandpa. I love you and I miss you.

Matthew Edwards - January 30, 2020 at 06:55 PM

DF

“ I had the good fortune to work for and with Ray at Texas Eastman in the 70's and early 80's. After leaving Eastman I didn't have a lot of contact with him but I still have memories. Ray could out work, out think, and out do just about anybody at anything. He was so smart but with a special sense of humor. I remember the day the Polypropylene Product Development Meeting came to a halt when Ray's quick wit caused a few minutes of roaring laughter. Another time he graciously took off from his busy schedule to accompany me to a Science Club Meeting at a nearby High School to talk about applications of science in the plastics industry. He held those kids spell bound for the better part of an hour as he talked about extrusion coating and other processing methods. He was a master presenter. Ray taught me a lot for which I will always be grateful. He was most special. Different to be sure. I count it a privilege to have known him. David Frye Longview

David Frye - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ Please accept our deepest sympathies.

DAN AND JIM YOUNG - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Although I did not know Mr. Edwards personally, I cannot help but be awed by his many wonderful accomplishments. His daughter Linda was one of my classmates at Henderson High School and her flawless character amazes me to this day. She is truly one of the most compassionate, thoughtful people I've ever known. Patti and Dan also went to high school while I was there, and my memories of them are exemplary as well. Consequently, I believe Mr. Edwards' fatherly role in the rearing of these children must be the one accomplishment that I admire most. My prayers are lifted asking the Lord to comfort each member of this beautiful family during their time of grief. May God grant them unwavering assurance that Mr. Edwards is now and forever in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

Bart Lauderdale - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ My husband, Ed Thompson, had the pleasure of knowing and working with Ray at Texas Eastman for years and always said he was one of the smartest men there were. Am sorry for you loss. I lost Ed three years ago and still miss him each and everyday as I know you will miss Ray.

Glynda Thompson - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Ray was a great friend of ours. We will miss his friendship and all the good times we had. Our prayers are with his family. May God Bless you Ray.

Robter & Nancy Cooper - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ My mom and Pat were friends, and I met Mr. Edwards through them. He captivated my interest from the get-go with his vast knowledge of almost anything! On my first visit, we walked through the house and ended in his office -- what history. I not only enjoyed hearing the intriguing stories of his accomplishments and interests, but watching him be the storyteller. My condolences are with you during your sorrow. I pray that God will provide you the strength and understanding as He welcomes this wonderful angel into his Kingdom.

Lisa McTee - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Oh my. I remember my mom hanging out with Ray, Billy Martin and Don Lightfoot. Such good times and great memories. To all the kids...I am so sorry and I know you will miss him dearly. He was one character that I will always remember. I hope he finds my mom up there in Heaven and they re-connect as old buddies.

Cheryl Thompson - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Ray was a good friend and great person. Sorry to hear about this. My prayers are with the Family

Roger A. Piiler - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I enjoyed many years of working with Ray at Eastman. Ray was always ready to help people when they had problems. He will be missed.

Billy Martin - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM