



Mr. Sid Ashby

September 25, 1942 - June 28, 2024

Funeral services for Sid Ashby, 81, of the Shakerag community, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 1, at Calvary Baptist Church with Pastor Mike Littlefield, Bro. Jason Taylor and Bruce Richmond officiating. Interment will be held at Duncan Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, June 30, at the funeral home chapel. There will be a celebration of life gathering at Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Center following the graveside service, and relatives and friends are invited to join the family there. Those who attend visitation or the funeral will have an opportunity to record favorite memories or stories about Ashby to share with the family.

Ashby died Friday, June 28, at Henderson Health and Rehab. He was born September 25, 1942 in Henderson, Texas, to Edgar and Eunice (Branham) Ashby. He was raised in the Shakerag community in Rusk County. After graduating from Henderson High School in 1961, he attended East Texas State University where he received a bachelor's degree in agriculture. During his time there, he also received his American Farmer FFA degree and was a two-time judge for the Texas High School Rodeo Association state finals. He worked on the college farm and took a lot of pride in being a "Buck Hughes Farm Boy" where he learned to be "rough and tough" and was first introduced to dairy farming.

On July 25, 1964, Ashby married Judy Lennon of Miller Grove, Texas. After completing college, the couple moved to Ralls, Texas, where Ashby worked on the Lloyd Gamble farm. He also worked on a farm in Clarksville, Texas, before he and Judy moved back to the Shakerag community. In 1967, they built a dairy barn and began milking cows, which he continued to do for 45 years. Ashby introduced agriculture to local youth by providing them with employment at the dairy, and taught them the importance of a diligent work ethic, integrity and the value of an honest day's work. He received two runner-up Texas Star Young Farmer awards in recognition of his exceptional farming skills.

In addition to the dairy, Ashby's other agriculture interests included gardening and sharing produce with neighbors and friends. He enjoyed producing quality hay and received multiple honors for growing the Grand Champion bale at the Rusk County Hay Show. He was named the 2019 Rusk County Farm Bureau Outstanding Farmer and was an avid supporter of the Rusk County Youth Project Show as well as local 4-H and FFA programs. He also enjoyed hosting educational field trips for area schools and ag programs. He was proud of his Rusk County heritage and was well versed in Texas geography.

Ashby served on the Rusk County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors for 38 years. He was a faithful member at Sardis Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for 41 years. He was also a charter member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church of the Pleasant Grove community, which later moved to Henderson. He found pleasure in spending time with his family, reminiscing about childhood stories with cousins and friends, and providing his grandkids with unique farm experiences. In his later years, after completing his dairy career, he could often be found riding around the farm on his Gator, checking fences and tending to his cows.

Ashby was preceded in death by his parents, wife of 45 years, and infant son

Samuel Loyd Ashby. Survivors include son Trent Ashby and wife Nickie of Lufkin; three daughters, Mikyela Tedder and husband Mark of Leander, Mardra Ashby of Shakerag, and Emily Whitworth and husband Bennie of Shakerag. His grandchildren include Garin and Grant Ashby, Macy Tedder, and Baxter Whitworth. Other family members include cousins Kenneth Gladden, Jimmy Gladden, Charles Gladden and wife Jackie, Brenda Crockett and husband Sam, Hal Martin and wife Rosa, and brother-in-laws Johnny Lennon and wife Kathy, and Rex Lennon. He also leaves a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers include Mark Tedder, Bennie Whitworth, Benny Evans, Ken Evans, Donnell Wright and Joe Collins. Honorary pallbearers include Dr. Mike Ward, Bill Jones, Buddy Bankhead, Henry Hart, Jr., Maxie Sparks, Matt Doerge, Terry Nichols, Harold Jacobs, George Brady, Ben Milam, Mike Engle and Greg Gibson.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Henderson Health and Rehab and Hospice of East Texas for taking such excellent care of our loved one. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sardis Baptist Church, 13174 CR 4187, Henderson, TX, 75654, or the Rusk County Ag Program – Hay Show, 113 East Fordall St., Henderson, TX, 75652.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Duncan Cemetery

9346 S County Road 454
Henderson, TX 75654

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUL 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
410 N. Marshall St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Sid Ashby



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - June 29, 2024 at 09:36 PM

RT

“ Prayers for all of you. What a man!

Robert Thornton - July 03, 2024 at 06:15 PM

CW

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your dad.
My daddy, Bobby Bane, thought the world of him.

Cathy Ward - July 03, 2024 at 09:20 AM

MC

“ Milton & Angie Christian lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby



Milton & Angie Christian - July 02, 2024 at 10:50 AM

EH

“ *Sending love and prayers! Emily & Dustin Howell and all the boys*



Emily Howell - July 01, 2024 at 05:12 PM

TB

“ *Tammy Brightwell lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Tammy Brightwell - July 01, 2024 at 10:26 AM

AR

“ *Colby & Amy Rockey*



Amy Rockey - June 30, 2024 at 05:57 PM

BE

“ *Buddy. & Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Buddy. & Dianne Everitt - June 30, 2024 at 03:00 PM

CJ

“ Emily, Bennie & Baxter- We are thinking of you all during this difficult time.

Cammie, Matt, Colt & Jess - June 30, 2024 at 02:32 PM

CN

“ Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby



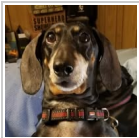
Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - June 30, 2024 at 12:28 PM

MB

“ Michael Chad Boatwright lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby



Michael Chad Boatwright - June 29, 2024 at 09:14 PM



“ Always enjoyed running to Sid over the years. He was a farmer's farmer. He loved to share new ideas and innovations. I think one of his biggest loves was to mentor younger people interested in farming.

Carter Norris Langford
Mt. Enterprise

Carter Langford - June 29, 2024 at 06:20 PM

MG

“ *Marc, Dee Dee, Maley & Luke Green lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Marc, Dee Dee, Maley & Luke Green - June 29, 2024 at 06:03 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jolley lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Barbara Jolley - June 29, 2024 at 04:52 PM



“ *Vernon Arthus lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Vernon Arthus - June 29, 2024 at 03:38 PM

SM

“ *Shannon & Jason McKey lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Shannon & Jason McKey - June 29, 2024 at 03:06 PM

SC

“ *Suzanne Cross lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Suzanne Cross - June 29, 2024 at 02:17 PM

JB

“ *Jill & Damon Bassett lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Jill & Damon Bassett - June 29, 2024 at 02:09 PM

CB

“ *Cleta Blair lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Cleta Blair - June 29, 2024 at 01:13 PM

SV

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss.*



Sarah Voss - June 29, 2024 at 01:10 PM

FB

“ *Frank Bane lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Frank Bane - June 29, 2024 at 12:52 PM

DW

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Sid's passing, but I know he has rest and peace in the presence of the Lord Jesus now and forever. Sid was one of the hardest working man I knew. I am thankful I knew him. He will be missed. May the Lord give you all peace and comfort at this time. God's promise -*
Matt 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.
Dr. Rob & Beth Wells



Dr. Rob & Beth Wells - June 29, 2024 at 12:51 PM

SH

“ *Sue W HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Sue W HENDERSON - June 29, 2024 at 11:09 AM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby



Gary Wilkerson - June 29, 2024 at 10:51 AM

VB

“ Vernon “Ray” & Cassandra Baxter lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby



Vernon “Ray” & Cassandra Baxter - June 29, 2024 at 10:34 AM

CB

“ Sorry for your loss. Remembering growing up playing with you girls on the dairy farm. Great memories will last forever. 🙏❤️

Cassandra Baxter - June 29, 2024 at 10:28 AM

CF

“ Cliff & Krista Furtick lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby



Cliff & Krista Furtick - June 29, 2024 at 09:54 AM

TS

“ *Tim & Kathy Storer lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Tim & Kathy Storer - June 29, 2024 at 09:35 AM

NG

“ *Nancy & Mark Gibson sent a virtual gift in memory of Sid Ashby*



Nancy & Mark Gibson - June 29, 2024 at 09:33 AM

MG

“ *Missy Hacker & Steve Green lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Missy Hacker & Steve Green - June 29, 2024 at 09:16 AM

JB

“ *Jane Brightwell lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Jane Brightwell - June 29, 2024 at 08:44 AM

RN

“ Randy and Sherry Nichols lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby



Randy and Sherry Nichols - June 29, 2024 at 08:29 AM

LL

“ Linda Long lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby



Linda Long - June 29, 2024 at 08:16 AM

SQ

“ Shawn Solomom Quinn lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby



Shawn Solomom Quinn - June 29, 2024 at 07:18 AM

DT

“ I'm so sorry to just learn about your Dad. He was a good man. Now you're Dad and Mom are well and together. Praying for each of you
❤️🙏



Debra Thedford - June 29, 2024 at 12:17 AM

WR

“ *Winnie Ramey lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Winnie Ramey - June 28, 2024 at 10:26 PM

BG

“ *Praying for peace and comfort Bonnie Geddie*



Bonnie Geddie - June 28, 2024 at 10:18 PM

DN

“ *debra nichols lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



debra nichols - June 28, 2024 at 10:02 PM

KL

“ *Emily and family, so sorry for your loss.*



kay Lewis - June 28, 2024 at 09:03 PM

TS

“ *Tim & Kathy Storer lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Tim & Kathy Storer - June 28, 2024 at 08:49 PM

HC

“ *Harriet Craig lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Harriet Craig - June 28, 2024 at 08:22 PM

SN

“ *Sissy Neill lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Sissy Neill - June 28, 2024 at 08:19 PM

SA

“ *SILVIA E ARNOLD lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



SILVIA E ARNOLD - June 28, 2024 at 07:43 PM

CN

“ *Charvelle Nugent lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Charvelle Nugent - June 28, 2024 at 07:03 PM

DW

“ *I'm sad to hear of Mr Ashby's passing. I really enjoyed stopping & chatting with him when I was a county employee. Vera & I are praying for the family!*

Don & Vera Whitehead - June 28, 2024 at 06:04 PM

BB

“ *Brandy Bridges lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Brandy Bridges - June 28, 2024 at 05:28 PM

RM

“ *Rosa and Hal Martin lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



Rosa and Hal Martin - June 28, 2024 at 03:54 PM

JR

“ So sorry for your loss



Janis J Rutherford - June 28, 2024 at 03:37 PM

TC

“ Tony and Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby



Tony and Anita Cavaliere - June 28, 2024 at 02:39 PM

KH

“ Mollie & Ken Hale



Ken Hale - June 28, 2024 at 02:05 PM

JC

“ James & Carol Chambless lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby



James & Carol Chambless - June 28, 2024 at 01:51 PM

TR

“ *The Ramey's lit a candle in memory of Sid Ashby*



The Ramey's - June 28, 2024 at 01:14 PM

BB

Mr Sid Ashby and his family are among the finest people I have ever known. Sincere, helpful, hard working, dependable, easy to work with, so concerned about others, and still " the half has not been told!". Truly a blessing to all of us!

Buddy Bankhead - June 28, 2024 at 10:14 PM