



## Tom Mack Strong

January 28, 1928 - June 20, 2011

Tom Mack Strong, affectionately known as Daddy Mack, 83, of Henderson, Texas, passed away on June 20th, 2011. Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Crawford Crim Funeral Home on Thursday, June 23rd, 2011, with Rev. Lynn Loe of the St. Paul's United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at the Strong Cemetery located in the Churchhill Community.

Tom Mack Strong the son of Lonnie and Eddie Ballenger Strong was born on January 28th, 1928, in Rusk County, Texas. John Cecil Strong and Virginia Strong Nelson were his siblings.

He attended school in Henderson, Texas and also attended Kilgore Junior College prior to joining the United States Army. He served his country for two years during the Korean Conflict.

Tom Mack Strong was a man who possessed a genuine humility and a natural dignity. He was the quintessential strong and silent type. Mack worked in oilfield supply for forty plus years up until his retirement and was respected and loved by all who knew him. To his family he is compared to a shade giving tree in a dry and thirsty land, or as a sheltering rock in a storm. A tranquil heart, a sweet tempered and balanced disposition, he possessed. He was a man adored by all of his family. A hero to his son and daughter. A role model for his grandsons and great grandson. Mack was a gentle man who all

children and pets loved to be near.

He adored his family. Vivian Virginia Strong affectionately known as Mama Ginger has been his wife for sixty three years. His children are Terry Mack Strong and Glenda Strong Nelson. His grandsons are Jeffrey Paul Nelson, Nickolas Jace Nelson, Terry Tyson Strong, Trevor Tate Strong and great grandson, Jace Jayden Nelson. Daddy Mack stated numerous times that the most enjoyable and special times of his life were the days spent with his grandsons when they were young boys all playing together at his house. Then along came the great grandson, Jace, not to replace the grandsons, but to claim a part of "Daddy Mack" for himself, and that he did.

Mack took great pride in himself and his family. His clothes were always ironed and starched and his shoes and boots always looked to have been recently shined, even at the end of a long day at work. Mack always kept a perfectly detailed car and truck and especially a well groomed lawn. Mack finally received "Yard of the Month" several years ago, which, frankly, was long over-due because throughout the years his lawn could have continuously won the award.

Mack's favorite sports were basketball, football and baseball and he loved to talk about sports and watch games with his family and friends. The Mavericks, Dallas Cowboys, and the Rangers were his favorites. His grandsons loved playing basketball with him every chance they got. He taught them his unique style of shooting the basketball in the goal. When Terry was growing up Mack idolized him and his athletic ability and always helped Terry and his friends with playing baseball and also helped Terry's coaches during every baseball game throughout the years. He was always one of the dependable dads that continuously kept the fields mowed and in shape for games.

Mack attended St. Paul's Methodist Church and made many friends there

throughout the years. He also has many long time friends that he worked with from Bell Oil Field Supply, American Oil Field Supply both located in Kilgore, Texas, and many longtime friends from the Brown and Root Construction days located in Louisiana many years ago.

Tom Mack Strong was preceded in death by his parents, sister and grandson, Christopher Strong. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, his children, grandsons, great grandson, his brother, sister in law, Louise Walker, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and his church family.

Pallbearers will be Jeffrey Paul Nelson, Nickolas Jace Nelson, Terry Tyson Strong, Trevor Tate Strong, Steven Roy Walker and Kit Laird. Honorary pallbearers will be Richard Smith, Bob Bryant, Mike Rogers and Bill Hughes.

Condolences may be made online at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## visitation

JUN **22**. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Mrs. Strong, Glenda & Terry, You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

Rhonda Stanfield - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Glenda and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss! He was a very sweet and kind man! My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Alicia

Alicia Maddox-Lowery - June 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Virginia, Glenda, Terry and Family: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Memories for me are so recent and I truly want to tell you how sorry I am. Our lives build relationships that last for a lifetime. I remember very good times with your Dad when I was at your house playing Barbies. May God bless you with peace and love during this time. Kathy Buckner Roberts

Kathy Buckner Roberts - June 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ MAC WAS A GREAT PERSON AND WAS ALWAYS VERY NICE TO ALL PEOPLE. HE ALWAYS HAD A CLEAN APPERANCE. I ENJOYED DOING BUSINESS WITH HIM. GOD BLESS HIS FAMILY. HE WILL SURELY BE MISSED.

LOUIS DIGILORMO - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ My father, Bill Bean, worked with Mack for many years at Bell Supply. My dad thought the world of Mack and always spoke highly of him. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Phyllis Bean Lacy** - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Virginia, Glenda and Terry, My heart goes out to yall he was always the sweetest person to me, may God be with yall during these times.

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**Lacy** - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your dear family. May the comfort of God help you during this difficult time and may the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead. Love, Debbi Corley

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**Debbi Corley** - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Mama Ginger, Glenda, Terry and boys - Words cannot express how sorry we are about your loss. Daddy Mack was one special man. He will be missed by all who knew him. We love you, Stacy and Curt

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**Stacy and Curt** - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Mrs. Strong, Glenda and Terry, Just wanted all of you to know we are thinking about you. Remembering you in our prayers.

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**Skip and Pat Turner** - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Virginia, Glenda and Terry,I can't begin to express to you how sorry I am for your loss. Mack was a very special and sweet man. I have so many good memories of all of us from many years past.. That's what will get you through all of this, along with God's grace and comfort. My thoughts and prayers are there with you.Love,Debbie Stanley Stafford

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**Debbie Stafford** - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Mrs. Strong, Glenda and Terry,I am so sorry to hear about your husband and dad. Mr. Strong was such a nice, quiet person. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.Margaret

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**Margaret Brown Williams** - June 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I had not seen Mr. Strong in many years, but I remember him well. Wishing God's comfort for the family at this difficult time.

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**Kerry and Kathy Buckner** - June 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mack was a wonderful man and I was fortunate to be able to work with him for several years before he left Bell Supply. He was always full of energy and took his job very seriously but always had time for a joke and a friendly smile for all who knew him. He leaves behind many friends. God Bless you in your sorrowTheresa Hearn

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**Theresa Hearn** - June 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *A good man is always surrounded by greater women. Our prayers are with the family for the comfort that only He can give.*

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**Chad/Kim Dean** - June 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM