



Mr. Van Massengale

March 29, 1927 - October 3, 2015

Van Emerson Massengale passed away October 3, 2015. Van was born March 29, 1927, in San Antonio, Texas, to Louis and Fannie Massengale, the youngest of five children. The family relocated to Beeville, Texas, in 1936, and there he graduated from A.C. Jones High School. Immediately after high school, he joined the U.S. Navy and served in World War II. After the war, Van attended Texas A&I University (now Texas A&M – Kingsville). He graduated with a degree in business. Van met and was wise enough to marry Mary Elizabeth Bridges in 1957. Van worked for Exxon Pipeline Company for 36 years as a Right-of-Way Agent, retiring in 1986. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Andrews, Texas. In 1995, Van and Mary moved to Henderson, Texas.

Van leaves behind his wife of 58 years, Mary Bridges Massengale. He also leaves behind three children – Scott (and Tammy) Massengale, Thad (and Becky) Massengale, and Sugar Anne (and Rob) Miesen, as well as seven grandchildren – Joanie (and Eric) Barnett, Keri (and Justin) Richardson, Blane (and Loree) Jolley, Janey (and Charlie) Holland, Wade Massengale, Catherine Miesen and Jack Miesen. And, there are also five great grandchildren – Audrey, Emily and Anna Barnett, and Gracie and Zach Richardson. Van was a true original, putting himself through college with the assistance of the GI Bill and being the first in his family to earn a degree. He was sharp as a tack and could tell a great story. He and Mary loved to travel and saw much of the world

during their life. He was so proud of the life and family he and Mary built. He was much loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson with Rev. David Luckert officiating, with a graveside service immediately following. Interment will follow at Bridges Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 5, 2015 at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are Wade Massengale, Jack Miesen, Eric Barnett, Justin Richardson, Blane Jolley, and Charlie Holland.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Bridges Cemetery Fund, 1307 Westwood, Henderson, Tx 75654, or the American Diabetes Foundation P.O. Box 11454 Alexandria, VA 22312.

Condolence may be made online at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Bridges Cemetery

FM 348
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **5**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

OCT **6**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Van Massengale*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - October 05, 2015 at 01:22 PM

CN

“ *Clay Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Van Massengale*



Clay Newcomb - October 07, 2015 at 09:44 AM

CW

“ *Johnny and I send our deepest condolences to you all. Such a kind man - he will be greatly missed.*

Cyndi Walker - October 06, 2015 at 11:45 AM

JS

“ *Jamie Skelton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Van Massengale*



Jamie Skelton - October 06, 2015 at 09:42 AM

MS

“ Van was a great friend to my Dad and to our whole family. What a gracious and kind man. I'd like to share this early '80s photo of them exploring the great outdoors with John Campbell. These guys were great friends and I very much enjoyed tagging along on hunting trips and just visiting on social occasions. I am truly sad to hear of his passing and hope the good memories will sustain his family in their time of grief.

Mikell Smith



Mikell Smith - October 05, 2015 at 12:57 PM

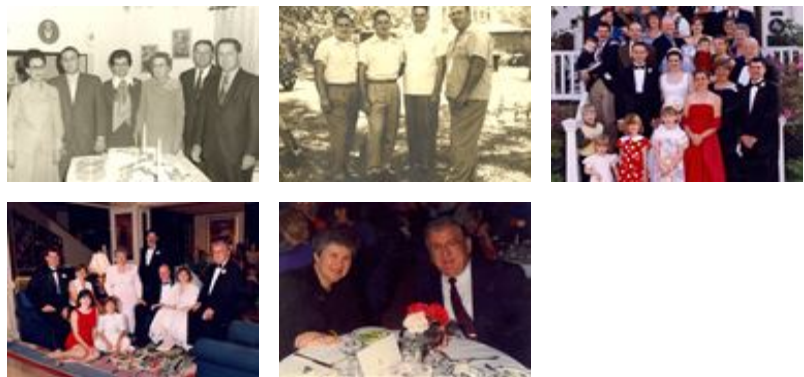
AM

Thank you so much, Mikell. He counted your dad as one of his best friends. How lucky they were to have so many good times among good friends.Sugar

Anne Miesen - October 07, 2015 at 09:44 AM



“ 76 files added to the album Life Tributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - October 05, 2015 at 12:53 PM

AS

“ Mary Massengale, called yesterday to let me and my family know of Van's death. When my husband Reese had to retire from Exxon Pipeline in 1978 due to his health, Van and Mary moved to Corpus Christi as Van became Reese's (R.M.) replacement as the right of way and claim agent for this area of Texas. They both became dear friends to my whole family. We will miss Van and will remember their kindness and friendship forever.

Our son Patrick now works for Exxon Mobil in Houston and will join the Massengale family for the service tomorrow. Mikell Smith will also attend the services and our daughters Bonnie and Julie send their love and sympathy to the Massengale family and their many friends.

Ann E. Smith and family

Ann E. Smith - October 05, 2015 at 12:01 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr. Van Massengale.



October 05, 2015 at 10:57 AM

RH

“ Robert And Joy Hemphill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Van Massengale



Robert and Joy Hemphill - October 05, 2015 at 09:42 AM

RU

“ Randy & Melanie Ueckert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Van Massengale



Randy & Melanie Ueckert - October 05, 2015 at 09:23 AM

Chris McLaughlin

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family.



Chris McLaughlin - October 05, 2015 at 12:22 AM

VD

“ Have great memories of Van at The Store & Moore. He and Mary were loyal customers and great friends to us. Mary, I will be praying for peace and comfort for you and your family. Vicki Doerge

Vicki Doerge - October 04, 2015 at 10:13 PM

TA

“ Terry And Gale Austin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Van Massengale



Terry and Gale Austin - October 04, 2015 at 08:52 PM