



Mr. William Ashby

April 29, 1938 - February 17, 2019

Funeral services for Mr. William Ashby, 80, of Henderson, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at First Baptist Church with Dr. David Higgs and Harold Sadler officiating. Interment will follow at Rusk County Memorial Gardens under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, at the funeral home.

Mr. Ashby passed from this life on February 17, 2019, at Hospice of East Texas Homeplace in Tyler. He was born April 29, 1938, in Rusk County. William graduated from Henderson High School in 1957 and then served his country in the United States Army. He later went to work for the Henderson Daily News and served as the Advertising Manager for 36 years. William was a member of First Baptist Church and was dedicated to serving his community and Rusk County as a part of numerous organizations including the Rusk County Historical Commission where he served as President and accomplished so much for the Depot Museum. He also belonged to the Kiwanis Club of which he was a member for 50 years. In 1971, he was honored as the John R. Alford Young Man of the Year and in 2007 was again honored by the Chamber of Commerce with the Lifetime Achievement Award. The following year in 2008, William was honored as a Distinguished Alumni by the HISD Alumni Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim R. and Bonnie Bell (Milam) Ashby.

Survivors include his loving wife of 39 years, Sandra Velvin Ashby of Henderson; son, Stacy D. Ashby and wife Donna of Sachse; daughters, Debbie Ashby Payne and husband Benny of Henderson, and Renee Ross Perry and husband Mark of Henderson; grandchildren, Rachel and Laura Ashby of Frisco, and Hunter and Hannah Perry of Henderson; and great-grandchildren, Halie Payne and Harley Smith of Henderson.

Pallbearers will be Glenn Shippey, Rex Ashby, Benny Payne, Mark Perry, Hunter Perry, and Dusty Flanagan. Honorary pallbearers will be Noble Welch, and members of the Rusk County Historical Commission, Kiwanis Club, and HISD Class of '57.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rusk County Historical Commission at 514 N. High St., Henderson, TX 75652.

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

Cemetery Details

Rusk County Memorial Gardens

5013 US Hwy 259
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

FEB **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
207 W. Main St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Tribute Wall



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



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - February 19, 2019 at 11:23 AM

SW

Will greatly miss you William! Proud to call you a friend! Always a smile and a hug ! Sending a hug to Heaven! And prayers for your family. Love you all!💙

sallie warren - February 19, 2019 at 08:58 PM

CB

*I am so blessed to have been your friend and classmate of 1957, so many fun memories . Sending love to you in your new heavenly home. Love and prayers to all of your sweet family.
Carolyn Boren*

Carolyn Orr Boren - February 22, 2019 at 05:51 PM

PD

I am so sorry to hear of William's passing. My memories of him as son of Bonnie, husband and father are dear to my heart...hugs to all of you.

Pat Dawson - February 23, 2019 at 11:21 AM

CB

“ Carolyn Orr Boren lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Carolyn Orr Boren - February 22, 2019 at 05:37 PM

JF

“ You will be greatly missed, my friend. Wonderful memories. Can still feel the hugs! 🤗

Joy Forth - February 20, 2019 at 11:17 PM

GA

“ Sandra & Kids,
William and I loved to talk and spent a lot of time doing just that. However, it was not a good time to visit when he was learning the change to computer publishing. Lots of moaning and groaning he finally got over as he saw the advantages. That dates our friendship to pre-tech. He'll be missed, but there are plenty of stories to tell that will keep his memory alive.

Gay Allen - February 20, 2019 at 06:56 PM

ET

“ Emilie J Thane lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Emilie J Thane - February 20, 2019 at 11:36 AM

DD

“ *Sorry for your loss. I will be praying for y'all.*

Debra Dorsey



Debra Dorsey - February 20, 2019 at 11:20 AM

KC

“ *Kristy Davis Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Kristy Davis Campbell - February 20, 2019 at 07:51 AM

JW

“ *Joe White lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Joe White - February 19, 2019 at 10:53 PM

JW

“ I have great memories of my years with William selling the Henderson Daily News on the square, with the statue of Thomas Jefferson Rusk standing vigil.
William, a life long friend of my late brother Kenneth,
Was a great tutor to this young entrepreneur, as I learned the ropes of selling papers from age eight to age twelve.
William counseled me not to extend credit to any customer, advice I sometimes failed to heed.
William was right!
God be with you my dear friend !
Joe White

Joe White - February 19, 2019 at 10:51 PM

SM

“ Mr Ashby always gave the best hugs. He was the kindest man I've ever known. He will be greatly missed. Prayers and condolences to the family.

Sarah Moake - February 19, 2019 at 08:16 PM

JW

“ Jane Gibson Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Jane Gibson Williams - February 19, 2019 at 08:12 PM

JG

“ *Our Prayers are with the entire family. Ben and Jean Pipsaire Griffith*



Jean P. Griffith - February 19, 2019 at 05:56 PM

DC

“ *David And Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



David and Jan Crow - February 19, 2019 at 05:49 PM

TB

“ *Toni Cord Barton lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Toni Cord Barton - February 19, 2019 at 04:21 PM

TS

“ *William hired me at HDN in '85 ...
he was THE BEST BOSS EVER!!
We loved sitting in the breakroom listening to his many stories while
drinking coffee!
I will miss his occasional phone call just to check on me.*

Our sincere condolences to Sandy and all the Ashby Family.

Tina Smith - February 19, 2019 at 04:18 PM

MH

“ *Missy Hacker lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Missy Hacker - February 19, 2019 at 04:15 PM

FE

“ *Felicia Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Felicia Evans - February 19, 2019 at 04:13 PM

CM

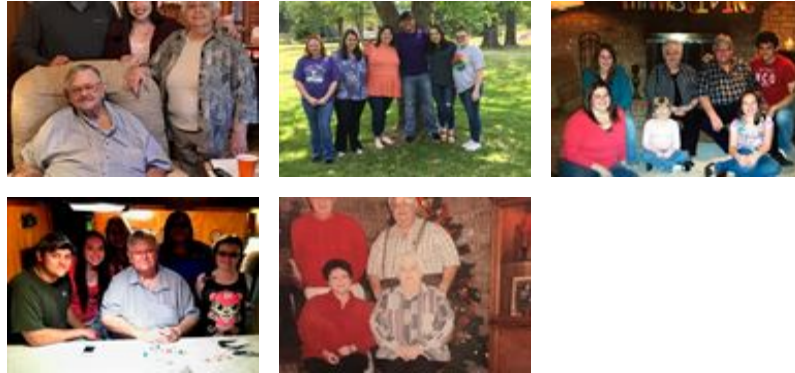
“ *Claudia Morgan-Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Claudia Morgan-Gray - February 19, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ 8 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - February 19, 2019 at 02:29 PM

SA

“ *Willard, Willard you will be missed dearly. Remember all the laughter we shared at the HDN office. So much laughter and joking around. Always the prankster. We wanted to know something about Henderson, Willard the man to go to for any information you wanted to know. Will miss you dearly, Join your friends, Olga, Shirley and Robert G up there laughing and rejoicing together. Oh Lord, what a good time that is. Love you, Willard.*

Silvia and Brandy Arnold

SILVIA ARNOLD - February 19, 2019 at 02:12 PM

AB

“ *Annette Lochridge Burran lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Annette Lochridge Burran - February 19, 2019 at 02:05 PM

CE

“ Charles & Teena Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Charles & Teena Edwards - February 19, 2019 at 01:32 PM

JD

“ Jim And Jeanie Dickeson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Jim and Jeanie Dickeson - February 19, 2019 at 01:28 PM

SN

“ Sherry Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Sherry Nichols - February 19, 2019 at 12:38 PM

CN

“ Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - February 19, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ William I’m going to miss you so much especially the phone calls. You were a wonderful cousin. I LOVE YOU!❤️❤️❤️
Nelwyn Nichols



Nelwyn Nichols - February 19, 2019 at 11:50 AM

EB

“ Elizabeth Brown Bow lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Elizabeth Brown Bow - February 19, 2019 at 11:30 AM

SR

“ Oh....the many fun work days we all spent with "Willem" (as we called him) at the Henderson Daily News years ago. I smile at the thought of Willem and my mother in Heaven together and discussing their newspaper days together. What a reunion! Rest in Peace, Willem. You were loved and appreciated by everyone.



Suzanne Reed - February 19, 2019 at 11:25 AM

RS

“ Robbie Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Robbie Stephens - February 19, 2019 at 11:10 AM

DD

“ Dixie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Dixie Duncan - February 19, 2019 at 10:30 AM

DC

“ Dianne Choice lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Dianne Choice - February 19, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - February 19, 2019 at 10:19 AM

KB

“ Kirk Bryan lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Kirk Bryan - February 19, 2019 at 10:12 AM

KB

“ Kirk Bryan lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Kirk Bryan - February 19, 2019 at 10:08 AM

LB

“ I worked with William at the HDN in the late 80's. He was always in a good mood and a smile on his face. He never complained when this very inexperienced, young lady was made Classified Advertising Manager after just one month!! I needed his help and experience desperateley! I don't know what I would have done without his positive attitude and faith in me. He was one of the good guys! You will be missed! Lisa Linder Barnett, New London, Tx.

Lisa Barnett - February 19, 2019 at 09:21 AM

RR

“ Ruth Ragsdale lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Ruth Ragsdale - February 19, 2019 at 07:44 AM

JM

“ Jim & Judy Mayo lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Jim & Judy Mayo - February 18, 2019 at 11:15 PM

DC

“ David & Kathy Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



David & Kathy Chapman - February 18, 2019 at 10:45 PM

DC

“ Oh! To all of the William Ashby Family the Chapman Family will be praying for God to comfort each of you. I loved this guy! He made my life at New Sound so worth helping people in such a unselfish way! He was instrumental in being involved in the community and years of service to the place he called home! But now he really is H O M E! Enjoy your new life! You have certainly earned it!

*Our Deepest Sympathies,
David, Kathy, Travis & Families*

David & Kathy Chapman - February 18, 2019 at 10:41 PM

DB

“ Doyle & Linda Benson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Doyle & Linda Benson - February 18, 2019 at 10:25 PM

AS

“ Anna & Larry Searcy lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Anna & Larry Searcy - February 18, 2019 at 10:18 PM

JP

“ Janice Pirkey lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Janice Pirkey - February 18, 2019 at 10:16 PM

JM

“ Janice Pirkey And Katie Moseley lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Janice Pirkey and Katie Moseley - February 18, 2019 at 10:15 PM

AM

“ *Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Amy Miley-Payne - February 18, 2019 at 09:59 PM

PP

“ *Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



pud patterson - February 18, 2019 at 09:14 PM

TG

“ *Tom Gossett lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Tom Gossett - February 18, 2019 at 09:11 PM

LR

“ *Always loved William and the joy he constantly expressed at the HDN. He was a close and personal friend and mentor for my whole family. None finer! May he rest in the Savior's mighty arms tonight!*

Lex Reed - February 18, 2019 at 08:30 PM

TP

“ Our sincere condolences to the Ashby family on the loss of your loved one. William was a fine Christian man who always had a smile and encouraging words to make your day. He will be greatly missed.



Tom & Linda Pharr - February 18, 2019 at 06:09 PM

TS

“ William will be greatly missed. I truly enjoyed talking to him & always learned something from our conversations. May God send many blessings, strength and comfort to William's family during this difficult time.
Sincerely, Tammy Compton Savell



Tammy Compton Savell - February 18, 2019 at 05:45 PM

BW

“ I am so sorry to hear of William's passing. He was the ultimate gentleman and an outstanding member of his community. I will miss him as will all who knew him.



Ben Weatherby - February 18, 2019 at 05:33 PM

JH

“ Judy & Sam Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Judy & Sam Harris - February 18, 2019 at 05:20 PM

BP

“ I am so sorry to hear about William. I will miss his smiling face at the pancake supper this year. Prayers for the family

Beth Hale Pope

Beth Pope - February 18, 2019 at 05:14 PM

CR

“ Claude Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Claude Robinson - February 18, 2019 at 04:59 PM

JM

“ Jason & Shannon Mckey lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Jason & Shannon Mckey - February 18, 2019 at 04:58 PM

MW

“ Margie And Buford Woolverton lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Margie and Buford Woolverton - February 18, 2019 at 04:25 PM

SS

“ *stephen and I are so very sorry for your loss. William was such a gift to all of us. He brightened everyone who knew and met him with his infectious smile and caring nature. Our most sincere condolences.*



stephen & Stacey Strong - February 18, 2019 at 03:29 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this. I worked with him at the Daily News many years ago and through the years at various events. Such a wonderful person. He will surely be missed in our community.*

Stephanie Osteen - February 18, 2019 at 03:16 PM

TD

“ *Praying for you all during your loss*



Tom & Bobbie Sue Dumas - February 18, 2019 at 03:14 PM

CC

“ *Chris Cross lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Chris Cross - February 18, 2019 at 03:02 PM

VA

“ William was very persuasive...so when he told me I was going to be a chamber ambassador I said well ok...and that began my stepping out of my box part of my life. I have never regretted it and I have so much to thank him for but mostly being the loving caring friend he was to me.

Vickie Armstrong - February 18, 2019 at 02:59 PM

SA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will be praying for your family.



Steve and Sheila Alford - February 18, 2019 at 02:57 PM

BG

“ Praying for peace and comfort for family and friends.
William you will be missed my friend.....
Great gentleman, wealth of knowledge and a love for Henderson and Rusk County
Love you William
Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - February 18, 2019 at 02:52 PM

PA

It's not going to be the same without you. We will miss you so much.
We loved you dearly. Rex and Phyllis

Phyllis Ashby - February 18, 2019 at 08:10 PM

BG

“ *Belton & Shirley Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



belton & Shirley Green - February 18, 2019 at 02:17 PM

AM

“ *Angie Williams Mitschke lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Angie Williams Mitschke - February 18, 2019 at 01:49 PM

DD

“ *Danny And Brandy Deason lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Danny and Brandy Deason - February 18, 2019 at 01:10 PM

TV

“ *Tom Vaught lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Tom Vaught - February 18, 2019 at 12:27 PM

JB

“ *Jon Best lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Jon Best - February 18, 2019 at 12:14 PM

MM

“ *Milton and Sharla McGee*



Milton & Sharla McGee - February 18, 2019 at 11:29 AM

BH

“ *Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Bob & Sue Henderson - February 18, 2019 at 11:23 AM

JJ

“ *Jake Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Jake Jordan - February 18, 2019 at 11:10 AM

WP

“ *Wes Partin lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Wes partin - February 18, 2019 at 11:03 AM

JD

“ *Jim And Mary Dudley lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Jim and Mary Dudley - February 18, 2019 at 10:59 AM

DR

“ *Diane Ragsdale lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Diane Ragsdale - February 18, 2019 at 09:51 AM

PA

“ *Patricia Allred lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Patricia Allred - February 18, 2019 at 09:38 AM

NH

“ So very sorry for your loss. William was a very special man, loved by many.



Nancy Harris - February 18, 2019 at 09:35 AM

CW

“ We are so sad to hear this. William was a great man and a great supporter of Henderson and Rusk County. He will be sorely missed. God's comfort to all of you.

Cyndi Walker - February 18, 2019 at 09:25 AM

GM

“ Condolences from the Gaston Museum

Gaston Museum - February 18, 2019 at 08:21 AM

GA

“ Gale Austin lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Gale Austin - February 18, 2019 at 07:35 AM



“ *Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Donna Aaron - February 18, 2019 at 05:06 AM



“ *I have known William Ashby for 40 years. He was always kind, caring and sincere. Heaven welcomed a wonderful man today, but we will miss his gentle, compassionate spirit.*

Neva Hand - February 17, 2019 at 10:08 PM



“ *Stan & Connie Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Stan & Connie Rodgers - February 17, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ *William was one of the finest men I've ever known. He was a dedicated and great Ad Director at "The Henderson Daily News", plus a great friend.*

You will be missed.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, especially Sandy.

God bless!

Jim Robertson - February 17, 2019 at 07:33 PM

RS

“ Rick Sparks lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Rick Sparks - February 17, 2019 at 04:39 PM

DG

“ Darren Grammer lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Darren Grammer - February 17, 2019 at 04:26 PM

SH

“ Sonny & Jenny Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Sonny & Jenny Hardy - February 17, 2019 at 03:23 PM

DS

“ Diana And Carl Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Diana and Carl Smith - February 17, 2019 at 03:12 PM

MG

“ *Mark And Nancy Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Mark and Nancy Gibson - February 17, 2019 at 02:44 PM

BP

“ *Benny Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Benny Payne - February 17, 2019 at 12:58 PM

SF

“ *William was loved by many. Praying for all of you, and remembering the good times our group had in advertising, with William as our fearless leader.*

*Love,
Stacy (and Curt)*

Stacy Frisbie - February 17, 2019 at 12:45 PM

BP

“ *Benny Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby*



Benny Payne - February 17, 2019 at 12:25 PM

WS

“ Wayne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ashby



Wayne Sanders - February 17, 2019 at 10:19 AM