



Fred M. Holmes

July 7, 1935 - September 22, 2013

A celebration of the life of Fred M. Holmes will be held at First Baptist Church, Laurel, MS on Thursday, September 26, 2013, at 2 p.m. The body will be placed in the church at 1 p.m. Thursday. Dr. Randy Turner will be officiating. Fred was born on July 7, 1935, in Lincoln County, MS and died Sunday, September 22, 2013. He leaves here on earth many, many memories with his three sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph D. "Joe" and Tammy Holmes; Michael S. "Steve" and Susan Holmes; Jeffrey R. "Randy" and Cheryl Holmes; four grandchildren and spouses, Robert F. "Fred" and Robin Holmes, Daniel E. and Charla Holmes, Jessica and Reid McAndrews, and Keith and Jennifer Breazeale; six great-grandchildren, Clay Holmes, Luke Holmes, Lyle Wood, Jacob Holmes, Hunter Holmes, and Tanner McAndrews; three sisters, Helen and Elmer Funk, Katherine and Henry Peavey, and Joe and Bill Brister; two brothers, James Otis Holmes and John Paul and Rita Holmes; sister-in-law, Peggy Holmes; the mother of his children, Jane Anderson; as well as a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his dear son, Robert M. "Bobby" Holmes, as well as his brother, Tommy Holmes; parents, Maggie and Otis Holmes; and grandparents, Joe and Cora Holmes.

Fred graduated as valedictorian from Enterprise High School in Brookhaven, MS in 1953. He served in the U. S. Army until his honorable discharge on October, 18, 1958, receiving several awards. After his Army career, he broke out in the oilfield on drilling rigs. His career included time at Dowell Chemical and Halliburton. He began his career and his friendship with Chesley Pruet in

1967. He went to Eldorado, AR and trained under Mr. Pruet. His career continued with Chesley Pruet Drilling Co. as Vice-President and Operations Manager until his retirement in 1997, at which time he began his next adventure in his beloved oilfield as an independent consultant, and worked regularly overseeing drilling and workover rig operations. He was a member of numerous oilfield organizations, including API, the IADC, and the AESC. Fred was a believer in hard work, continuing to set that example by remaining in the workforce until his death.

Fred's family was of the utmost importance to him, proud of each of his sons and grandchildren, and enjoying the arrival of each new great-grandchild. He was a generous man, quietly assisting countless young students in their educational and extra-curricular endeavors. He listened to those around him and quietly provided for needs that he recognized both in the oilfield and outside of it. Fred was affectionately known as the "Dad" of the oilfield, not only because of his longevity of service, but because of his interest in everyone about him and his knowledge of all things oilfield related. He mentored many in his career span and his passing will leave a void not only in the individual lives he touched, but also in the oilfield community.

Pallbearers will be Casey Coffin, Karson Bates, Robert Burroughs, Chris Holifield, Darrel Woodson, and Steve Jones.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully requests donations in his memory be made to Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundations, 3614 J. Dewey Gray Circle, Building C, Augusta, GA 30909.

The visitation will be held beginning at 3 p.m. Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at Memory Chapel which is in charge of the arrangements. To view and sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapelarelaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

EE

“ I can not pass up an opportunity to say how much I loved Fred Holmes. We had many good conversations over the years, some of them serious and some of them ridiculously funny. He was always more than good to me. We will not see the likes of Fred Holmes again in this old oilfield.

Elaine Ethridge - September 19, 2014 at 08:06 PM

WJ

“ Fred M. Holmes

William James - November 16, 2013 at 04:56 PM

PM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I pray God's peace will be sufficient to comfort you during this difficult time.

Patricia Moss - September 27, 2013 at 05:15 PM

BL

“ Joe: I will always remember the days when me, you, and Bobby worked at RAPAD. I was thankful that your dad let me work while I was going to college. Mr. Holmes was a good man. Sorry you lost your father.

Bruce Leggett - September 26, 2013 at 11:36 PM

LT

“ With Deepest Sympathy
Lance and Deidra Taylor

Lance and Deidra Taylor - September 26, 2013 at 03:33 PM

MC

“ I am so sorry to hear about your daddy. All of you are in my prayers... Melinda Rayner Courtney

Melinda Rayner Courtney - September 26, 2013 at 01:55 PM

MH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great Man and will be missed.

Mark Hathorn - September 26, 2013 at 12:48 PM

MT

“ Sorry for your loss, you all have my deepest sympathy. Your dad will surely be missed by alot of people.

Mary Ann (Max) Thomas - September 26, 2013 at 12:33 PM

MR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have known Fred for years. He hired me with Chesley Pruet Drilling 8/8/88. He was a good man and I have fond memories of him. I will keep him and the family in my prayers.

Merritt & Penny Rambin

Merritt Rambin - September 26, 2013 at 11:03 AM

KL

“ Dear Randy and Cheryl, I am so sorry about the loss of your dad. I came by the funeral home a little late and missed you. I am so sorry that I cannot attend his funeral today. I pray that God gives you peace and comfort during this time and in the days ahead.

Kathy Lee - September 26, 2013 at 10:21 AM

MW

“ I was so sorry to hear of Fred's death. We worked together for many years for Chesley Pruet. In fact, I am still employed in El Dorado by the Pruet family. I have heard a lot about Fred's children through the years and I know he loved all of you. Again, my deepest sympathy.

Mary Wheelus - September 26, 2013 at 09:50 AM

SM

“ Fred was a friend to many,very concerned .such a hard worker and his family meant the world to him. Praying for the family

Shirley moss - September 26, 2013 at 08:52 AM

TC

“ In loving memory

Todd & Debbie Coffin - September 25, 2013 at 10:12 PM

CF

“ Thinking of you all. If there is anything at all that I can do, I'm just a phone call away. My deepest sympathies.
Cindy

Cindy Flynt - September 25, 2013 at 07:43 PM

SD

“ Sorry to here about Fred"s passing, He was a friend to all.My condolences to his famly.God bless

sue(thomas) dick - September 25, 2013 at 03:17 PM

KG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your families.

Karen T Gatlin - September 25, 2013 at 03:01 PM

TO

“ Our condolences to the family and friends of Fred. We are thinking of all of you in this time of loss. May the Lord keep and protect each and everyone of you.

Terry and Margie Osborne - September 25, 2013 at 02:53 PM

KK

“ SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, YOU ALL ARE IN MY PRAYERS.

KIM KELLEY - September 25, 2013 at 02:32 PM

BL

“ I am so sorry to hear about Fred. He was a great man and I always enjoyed talking to him and waiting on him at Dixie Golf! Your whole family are in my prays. One of his grandson works on my sons rig in Alaska and he loves having him there. If I can do anything for the family please let me know.

Bonnie Lowery - September 25, 2013 at 12:02 PM

DE

“ We are very sorry for the loss of such a great person. Fred, you will be missed by our family.

Duane and Dede Eldridge - September 25, 2013 at 10:56 AM

MS

“ Mr. Fred was a kind hearted man. Loved by many. My prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. He will be greatly missed.

Melissa Brown Sikes - September 24, 2013 at 10:38 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry for the passing of such a sweet man. Fred was loved by all and touched many lives. I have fond memories of the Holmes family when they lived on Oxford Drive next door to the Davis family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May GOD bless and comfort you all.

Joni Merrell Bush - September 24, 2013 at 07:06 PM

GF

“ Our prayers go out to the family. He was a good man and will be remembered by many.

George Floyd - September 24, 2013 at 07:05 PM

SM

“ Fred will be missed by so many people. I am praying for his family that he loved so much.

Sherry McAndrews - September 24, 2013 at 06:43 PM

KH

“ You will be missed greatly. May peace be with the family.

Kim Walters Holifield - September 24, 2013 at 04:52 PM

LM

“ Randy, Cheryl, Keiyh. Jennifer, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all the Holmes family. We are here if you need us. We love you Owen, Linda, Jason, Justin

linda mills - September 24, 2013 at 03:40 PM

DR

“ Our prayers go out to all the family and friends.

Danny Reeves - September 24, 2013 at 02:58 PM

HW

“ Remembering all those talks we had while you sat in my barber chair and I cut your hair. You will be missed as a customer but most of all as a friend.

Huey Walters - September 24, 2013 at 02:32 PM

KM

“ Prayers for the family.

Kim and Mark Musgrove - September 24, 2013 at 10:12 AM

LD

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. He will be greatly missed.
Laurie, Jason and Cole Daniel

Laurie Tidwell Daniel - September 24, 2013 at 09:36 AM

RP

“ To all of the family! May God bless you and give you the grace and mercy you will need to get through this trying time. I have been praying for all of you since learning of this tragedy. Several things are brought to mind in relation to this sad situation: the preciousness of life, the fragileness of life, and preparation for eternity. All our lives are literally passing before us. We had all better make sure that we have our house in order in lieu of having to meet our Creator. Trust Jesus! He will never fail you or me. I love all of you. Kenny and Wanda Peavey

Rev. and Mrs. Kenny Peavey - September 24, 2013 at 12:31 AM

PD

“ *To kay and family,
I will miss Fred and will always remember the great times we had
flying together. You will be in my prayers. God Bless. Paul*

Paul Daughtrey - September 23, 2013 at 11:29 PM

RW

“ *In Loving Memory....*

ROBERT and MELISSA WEST - September 23, 2013 at 10:37 PM

PW

“ *He was always very kind to our family and will be missed by so
many! Our prayers are with his family during this time and in the
days to come!*

Pam Wildman - September 23, 2013 at 09:11 PM

HS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss and will continue to pray for your
family.*

Harvey & Tammy Saul - September 23, 2013 at 08:55 PM

MA

“ *Mr Fred will be missed by so many. Know we are praying for all of
you at this time and in the days to come. He always knew how to
make me laugh when he would call in to the answering service no
matter what time day or night. He is now watching over all of you
and everyone in the oilfield.*

Mary Hinton Armbrust - September 23, 2013 at 08:10 PM

MB

“ I will long remember Uncle Fred as the guy who had a big laugh for all the nieces and nephews gathered round the dinner table at granny's house.

My deepest condolences to you my dear cousins and Aunt Jane.

Love, Melissa Jo

Melissa Jo Brister - September 23, 2013 at 08:03 PM

KH

“ JOE, RANDY, STEVE, JANE AND FAMILY...I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT FRED. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU!

Kathy Hoppe - September 23, 2013 at 07:19 PM

SF

“ *With sympathy, Sonny Farrar*

Sonny Farrar - September 23, 2013 at 06:17 PM