



Anthony J. Mecke

March 25, 1922 - May 30, 2011

Anthony J. "Cotton" Mecke passed away on May 30, 2011 at the age of 89. He was born on March 25, 1922 in Southton, Texas to John and Thekla Mecke. Anthony proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II in the South Pacific and participated in the consolidation of the Northern Solomon Islands. After discharge he returned to his job in San Antonio with the Pearl Brewing Company where he retired after 49 years. For many years, he was one of the primary long-haul truck drivers for Pearl. In the 1950s, he was ranked as one of the top outboard motorboat racers in Texas and won many state and national titles while setting many records along the way. He served as President of the Alamo Boat Club and was instrumental in promoting outboard boat racing in San Antonio and scheduling racing events at area lakes. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting throughout his life, particularly trips to Falcon and Mathis Lakes with his family and friends. He is preceded in death by his beloved first wife, Marjorie Olle Mecke, his parents, and his sisters Ruby Gorden, Pearl Lux, Opal Lubianski, and Eleanor Mecke. He is survived by his loving wife of 21 years Dorothy "Dottie" Mecke; children Sandy Murray and husband Wilson, Judy Moeller, John Mecke and wife Nancy, Larry Mecke and wife Lisa; grandchildren Tracy Suggs, Randy and Russell Moeller, Anthony and Brad Mecke, Shane, Garrett, and Shelby Mecke; seven great grandchildren; and two sisters, Myrtle Kiobassa and Delia Sahm. Visitation will be at Dellcrest Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Services will be held in the

Chapel at Dellcrest Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
with interment to follow with military honors at Ft. Sam Houston National
Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ I have wonderful memories of our boat racing days, Cotton was almost unbeatable in the "McDougall Laundry" sponsored race boat. He and his co-drivers, J.C. Boone and Fred Kilobassa often finished 1,2,3 ahead of the pack.. I have many newspaper clippings and trophies from all over U.S.A. Cotton was the National Champion several times.

"Rocky" McDougall

"Rocky"McDougall - May 22, 2025 at 01:03 PM

VS

“ I have a picture of Cotten and several other members of the boat club if anyone is interested.

Victor Neil Taber{James Hopp's stepson:} - June 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ To the Mecke Family:
I am sorry I could not attend Cotton's services, but I just got the notice in the mail Tues. afternoon from a friend in SA. I never got to meet Cotton to my knowledge, but heard quite a bit about him from my dad, Ben F. Mecke. My d

Mike Mecke - June 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ To the entire Mecke family and Larry Mecke in particular, our prayers are with you in this time of personal loss. Your Dad lived a very full life and he leaves quite a legacy to all of you. I am sure his spirit will always be with you and you will never

Ernest Garcia - June 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Blessings and prayers to all of the family, from an old friend remembering the days of the Alamo Boat Races.

Carl and Rosalie Dennis - June 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I'm very sorry to hear Cotton passed away, and I wanted to let ya'll know you all will be my prayers, and in my thoughts. Cotton was a great guy, fun to be around at the deer lease.

Joe Beck - June 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dottie, our deepest sympathy to you and the family. Don & I have fond memories of "cotton" at the Pearl retirement parties & the Anglers club. God be with you in your time of sorrow.

Donald Gerhart & Barbara - June 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Mecke family! We love you.

Shawn and Kim Peavler - June 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Dear Family & Friends of Cotton Mecke,
The Blackwood family has many happy memories of Cotton & Margie from the days when he and our dad, Charlie Blackwood, raced boats together.

We are sorry to hear of his death and

Ginny Blackwood Kalisky - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dottie, I have very fond memories of you and Cotton at Leon's and The Place. I was remarried 4 years ago and moved to Floresville, and don't get back into San Antonio much, but I saw the obituary and wanted to let you know I have often thought of you and

Judy House Baumann - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ We have fond memories of the Christmas Eve parties at Cotton's. He always made us feel at home and accepted us as part of his extended family. We are truly sorry for the loss of a fine man. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family.

Frank and Nancy Gonzalez - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Youâ€™ll never forget your fatherâ€™s face.
The sound of his voice, The gentleness of his touchâ€¦,
They let you know you were loved.

Youâ€™ll never forget the stories he told,
the traditions he handed downâ€¦
they let you know who you are.

You

Roxy & Lauro Garza-Pariz - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Pop,

I know you didn't really enjoy life or living since Mom passed in 1988, but I am sure you are happy now with her in heaven with Grandma Mecke, Grandpa Mecke, Aunt Ruby, Aunt Pearlle, and Aunt Opal, and your dear friends Gene Kubenka, Daniel Svobod

Judy Mecke Moeller - June 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM