



Fredric Darryl Motley

September 6, 1935 - February 25, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Darryl Motley, affectionately known as “Papa” or “Pappaw”, on February 25, 2025, at the age of 89. He passed peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family.

Darryl was born on September 6, 1935, in McAllen, Texas. He graduated from McAllen high school in 1954. Afterwards, he attended and graduated from Southern Methodist University with a degree in Economics and a minor in chemistry. He continued his graduate studies at the University of Houston while beginning his career in sales and management.

Darryl began his career in building product sales and then lumber sales and management of wholesale lumber yards. He held positions in East Texas, North Texas, Portland, Oregon, Houston, Texas and San Antonio, Texas. He was well liked, understood the market well and had extensive knowledge of lumber. He liked to check out the types of trees growing in the areas he visited. Once while on a vacation in Canada with his family, he took a sprig of pine from a local tree to take a closer look. Later, he forgot the sprig was still in the car. The border agent noticed it immediately and asked if he was bringing any vegetation back to the United States. Darryl replied, “No”. When the agent pointed at the sprig sitting on the dash and asked, “What is that?”, Darryl quickly surrendered it.

Darryl loved his country. In 1959, he enlisted in the United States Army. After being released from active duty, he returned to the Army Reserves (Texas) to complete his remaining 5 years of service.

Darryl married the love of his life, Carolyn Motley, on May 27, 1961. They were lifelong companions and best friends. They were blessed with three children, Michael, Catherine and Douglas and two grandchildren, Piper and Wesley.

Darryl was an active member in the Fairhaven Methodist church in Houston for 14 years. He and his wife were youth ministers and enjoyed sharing their faith and love for our Lord.

Darryl loved the mountains, and he loved historical events especially the events of the Gold Rush and Texas history. He spent many hours with his wife and children following and reading the Texas historical markers, gold panning in the many streams of Colorado and searching for old ghost towns. He traveled to Colorado every year with his family. His favorite spot was the San Juan Mountain area because of its beauty and rich history.

Darryl was also a devoted SMU mustang fan and an avid movie watcher. He held season passes and often traveled to all the SMU games. He loved Country Music. Merle Haggard was one of his favorites. During one of his recent surgeries, the surgeon played Merle Haggard which put him at ease. He loved the old western films, and action movies. Some of his favorite actors were Tom Selleck, Bruce Willis, John Wayne, Gene Hackman and Clint Eastwood. He loved to share his love for movies with family, often mailing copies for family members to enjoy.

Darryl loved spending time with family and friends. He loved family gatherings. He was trustworthy, a mentor, honorable, ethical, intelligent, kindhearted and funny. He could always make you laugh. Family and friends have many "Darryl stories" to share and cherish.

Darryl is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Carolyn Lukasik Motley, his sons, Michael Motley and Douglas Motley, his daughter, Catherine Hoffmeyer (Jeffrey) and grandchildren, Piper Hoffmeyer and Wesley Hoffmeyer, his niece, Krystal Goree (Roger), great niece, Karee Huggins, great nephew, Trent Goree (Rachael) and great great nieces and nephews, Riggs Huggins, Emma Goree and Stephen Goree.

Darryl was preceded in death by his parents, Delmer and Crystal Waters Motley, his sister, Marilyn Knops, and his brother-in-law Harold Knops. He will be dearly missed.

The family would like to extend a special heartfelt thanks to the wonderful Alamo Hospice nurses, CNAs and social workers. Your gentle care, comfort and support will never be forgotten.

“Forever in Our Hearts”

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Previous Events

Chapel Service

MAR **22**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Visitation to start at 11:00 am

Graveside Service

MAR **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mission Burial Park North
20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Tribute Wall

KS

“ *What I think of most when thinking about Mr.M is he always had a smile to share, like a favorite uncle, everyone should be so lucky to have someone like that in their lives. I hope soon that your/our memories will be easier on our hearts like they’re supposed to be; that they will be favored and shared freely. Lean on each other, look out for each other, take care of each other; I think he’d expect that from his loved ones. Always, Kell xox*

K Strate - June 28, 2025 at 05:42 AM

LR

“ *Lynn Richards purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Fredric Darryl Motley.*



Lynn Richards - March 29, 2025 at 11:44 PM

DT

“ *Donna, Wendie, and Sam Thomsen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Fredric Darryl Motley.*



Donna, Wendie, and Sam Thomsen - March 21, 2025 at 11:13 PM

NS

“ Nancy Stehouwer purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Fredric Darryl Motley.



Nancy Stehouwer - March 21, 2025 at 05:15 PM

AC

“ Amanda Cullom purchased the *Beautiful Dreams* for the family of Fredric Darryl Motley.



Amanda Cullom - March 11, 2025 at 11:36 AM

LD

“ My first memory of Darryl, our friend and nextdoor neighbor for nearly 30 years, was at the "progressive dinner" at our house soon after we moved in. Darryl was probably the most colorful neighbor there, full of stories and humor. We were the appetizer house and I had worked hard to put on a spread. Darryl rewarded my work by saying more than once, "Let's go back to the DuBoses's house!" once we had moved on to some of the other houses. That is only one cherished, albeit early "Darryl" memory, but there are many others. He always took time to visit with my late husband J. (Jay) and me. And when he put the side fence in, he wanted to know what color I wanted it painted! He went with my suggestion, too, which was to paint it the same color as his house. Good thing I didn't want neon pink! Darryl is one of the most respected men I've ever known. I cherish the memories! God speed, my friend! To Carolyn, Cathy, Piper, Westley and family, my thoughts and prayers continue to be with you now and always. Love you, JayLynn (our pet name) DuBose

Lyndie DuBose - March 06, 2025 at 12:12 AM

JC

Please accept our sincere condolences. We hope memories of your long and beautiful life together will sustain you and your family in the days to come.

Alan and Jan Craven

Janice Craven - March 16, 2025 at 09:57 AM