



Hershel C. Adkisson

April 8, 1920 - September 10, 2004

Hershel C. Adkisson was born in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, April 8, 1920 passed away on September 10, 2004, at the age of 84. At age 7 he moved with his family to Lawton, Oklahoma. His parents, Herbert and Cadder Adkisson predeceased him. He is survived by wife Mary Louise Gaenslen Adkisson; children, Charles Adkisson, Tommy Adkisson and wife Karan Barbee, Carol Ann Spurgin and husband Bill, Barbara Price and husband Andy; sisters, Estelle Fincher, Pat Gomez of Marlow, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Brian Krzywonski and wife Nicole, Julie Choffel, Suzanna Choffel, Elizabeth Choffel; great-grandchild, Campbell Krzywonski. Hershel attended Cameron College in Lawton, Oklahoma on a basketball scholarship. After 3 years there, he joined the Air Corps, was stationed at Brooks Field, Love Field, and then served in the China-Burma-India Theatre. Marriage to Mary Louise Gaenslen followed in June 1946. "Coach", as he was known to many, set on the path to his professional career at the University of Texas, where he was a member of the PEM Club and Honorary Education Fraternity. After graduating with a B.S. in Physical Education, and later, a Masters of Education in 1951, his high school coaching career took him to Beeville, East Central, where he served as the first principal, and Harlandale High Schools. Hershel became a principal of Athens Elementary in 1968 and retired in 1983. He was a member of St. Margaret Mary's Men's Club, President of AARP Chapter 95 and member of AARP Legislative Council. Hershel was an avid golfer, sports fan and Longhorn. He loved the outdoors and could often be found in his garden. He

will be fondly remembered by friends and family for his fun-loving escapades and playful nature. The family would like to express their gratitude to all those who cared for Hershel at Kingsley Place.

Services

Visitation will begin on Tuesday from 5:00 - 9:00 PM at the funeral home with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 15, 2004, at 9:00 AM at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church. Interment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall

AZ

“ Louise, I am so sorry you have to go through the rest of your life without your beloved partner. Charles was proud of him and would tell us how to play football according to his father. Hershal was a positive presence in the neighborhood and I liked whe

Alice Zabudsky - September 21, 2004 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Tommy, Harry & I extend to you and your family our condolences as you endure your recent loss. Know your Dad is with his heavenly Father and savor the peace that knowledge brings.

Harry & Paula Spahn - September 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Thinking of you and your family in the celebration of Hershel's wonderful life. May God bless you and yours at this time.

Ernest Denham - September 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Tommy, please except our Condolences, your Father and your Family are in our prayers.

The Leo Jehl Family - September 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ To the Adkisson Familyn

My deepest sympathies be extended to all of you in this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marilyn Boerger - September 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *To the Adkisson Family,
My deepest condolences on your loss. I celebrate with you his life,
and the joy that family brings. You are in my prayers.*

Lynn Warren - September 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Mrs. Mary Louise Adkisson, Tommy & Charlie, My deepest
sympathy to you on your loss. May he rest in peace. He is no longer
suffering. Now you need to be strong for your mom. May GOD bless
you and your family.*

Bertha J. Castaneda - September 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *To The Adkisson family:*

*Our condolences on the passing of your loved one. Our prayer's are
with your family.*

Rudy Casias and The Bexar County Democrats.

Rudy Casias - September 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Dear Tommy and Charlie,
We all share in your grief and hope that you find solace in the fact
that your father is now with the Lord but will always be with you in
thought and deed.*

*God Bless You All,
Brad & Ann Burns & Family*

Brad Burns & Family - September 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Tommy & family
Our prayers are with you in this sad time. I remember talking with your dad back when we were doing all that campaign awhile ago. He was always so nice. I know he had a great life and left you with many memory's.
All our love
The James

James & Doris Alston - September 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

YA

“ To the Adkisson Family,

We send our deepest sympathy for the loss you'll feel in your daily life. We rejoice because Hershel is living eternal life with our Father and our Daughter/Sister Becky. And we thank God for blessing us with wonderful memori

Yollie Villarreal Acosta - September 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. GOD BLESS.

CHRIS,TAMMY,&TAYLOR HODDE - September 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Tommy,
My deepest sympathy on the loss of your Father. I have learned that a good Father such as you had, leaves happy and meaningful memories forever.
Warm regards,
Bill

Bill Sinkin - September 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Tommy,
Gerri and I share your sorrow at the loss of your Dad. We are holding you close in our thoughts and in our prayers.

George & Gerri Trumbo

George H. Trumbo, Jr. - September 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Dear Tommy and Barbee: Your father lived a full life and left you with special moments and memories. My prayers are with you and your family.

Susan Torchia - September 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Tommy and Karen: God bless you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dan and Karen Pozza

Dan and Karen Pozza - September 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Sorry to here of your loss. I remember talking to your father when we were kids going to St.Margaret Mary's. He was as you put it an easy man to talk to and he was a good listener. May God bless him and keep him in our memories.

Donald Frazier - September 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To Coach Adkisson's family,

I wish to express my condolences to you on the passing of Coach Adkisson. I remember him as a good and genuine person and a person who pulled no punches. He was my advisory teacher at Harlandale. May his soul rest in peac

John B. Martinez - September 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ My prayers are with you and all your family as you are going through this difficult time. I was a teacher at Athens Elementary, starting in the fall of 1969 and working at different periods of time there until 1989. Mr. Adkisson was a friendly, upbeat p

Elaine C. Howard - September 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Mr. Adkisson became principal at Athens Elementary 3 years after I was born. When I was at Athens, one thing I truly remember about him was the fact that he was very approachable. I remember visiting Athens in 1983, right before I graduated from South San.

Raymond Silva - September 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DU

“ Dear Family Members:

The world has lost an even keeled and quite person who was also a kind individual. I feel sure he touched the many students and individuals he coached over the years. He was certainly the type of person who made the world a better

Dennis Uzzell - September 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Our Prayers are with you and your family. May he rest in peace.*

Trudy Bartosh McCarty - September 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. Joe G*

Joe Gonzales - September 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM