



## Thurman J Kennedy

August 15, 1924 - June 2, 2008

Thurman J. Kennedy

Devoted to Family and Career

Thurman Kennedy passed away at rest on Monday June 2, 2008. He was born in Burkburnett Texas August 15, 1924 and grew up on a livestock farm in Wichita County. Thurman was a proud class of 1946 graduate of Texas A&M University. Upon graduation from A&M, he began a distinguished career with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and married Jean Boyd in February 1949. During the course of his career, Thurman served as an Agricultural Extension Agent in Stonewall, Young, and Bexar counties.

The recipient of numerous professional awards and commendations, his career was highlighted by his service as President of the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association in 1964 and as President of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in 1976. Throughout his career in San Antonio, Thurman was involved with the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Farm and Ranch Committee, the South Texas Farm and Ranch Club, the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show, and the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo. After retirement, he became the Assistant Director, then Director of the San Antonio Livestock Show. He was the 1990 recipient of the Joe Freeman Award from the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his contributions to agribusiness in San Antonio and South Texas. Thurman was recently preceded in death by Jean, his wife of 59 years.

He is survived by his sons Jim, Jeff, and Joe, 4 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, sister in law Louise Perry and her husband Dr. Dale Perry, daughter in law Marcela Kennedy, nephew Henry Huggins, and many friends and neighbors.

#### SERVICES

Visitation will be Wednesday June 4th, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral Services will be at noon, Thursday June 5th at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with interment to follow at Mission Burial Park North. The family requests those preferring memorial contributions in lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Texas A&M 12th Man Foundation in College Station Texas.

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ I am saddened to learn of Thurman's passing. I first met Thurman through NACAA, at one of our wonderful national meetings. I remember when the Texas agents were hosting the 1998 AM/PIC. When the national board came to San Antonio in December 1997 to revi

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**Donna Moramarco** - June 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thurman Kennedy touched the lives of so many people and the advice and help he provided to youngsters in agriculture endeavors is immeasurable. I first met Thurman when he served as the County Extension Agent in Bexar County and then years later was del

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**Debbie Lee Tharp '80** - June 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jim, Jeff, and Joe  
I am so sorry to hear about your father so soon after your Mom's passing. Just know they are together again. My prayers are with all of you.  
Susan Pirotina Hillje

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**Susan Pirotina Hillje** - June 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Jim, Jeff, and Joe: My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. --Crystal

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**Crystal Ward Darby** - June 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ It is difficult to imagine a world without Thurman Kennedy. A great number of us will comment on how we enjoyed working with him, or how he influenced our lives. I'd like to make mention of a side of him that few had the opportunity to observe. Thurman

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**Preston Sides** - June 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Thurman "Sheriff" will be missed. He was a friend and co-worker that I respected very much. God Speed, My Friend!!

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**Alfred A. Croix** - June 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ It was my privilege to know and work with Thurman over his entire Extension career. The loyalty, leadership and love he exhibited for Extension and County Agents was recognized nationwide. Thurman's death now leaves me as the "oldest living" past presi

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**Doyle L. Moore** - June 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Mr. Kennedy was a great mentor during my time as a young agriculture agent in Bexar County. He had retired many years before but was still available to give sound advice and council that I still use today and pass on to others. He was a great leader in ou

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**Brent Batchelor** - June 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ My first meeting Thurman came on the first attendance of the San Antonio A&M Club when I moved to San Antonio following my military retirement. He took the extra effort to make one feel welcome; always soft spoken and mild mannered it was a pleasure

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**Howard Ham** - June 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ My sincere sympathy on the death of Mr Kennedy. I met him on the bus trips from Aggie Park to College Station for the Texas A&M home football games. He was quite a "character" and will be missed. We lost a Good Aggie. Rest in Peace.

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**Kerry Macaitis** - June 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My first encounter with Thurman Kennedy was at the South Texas Farm & Ranch Club meeting. Shortly after I was introduced as the new Extension Agent for Bexar County, Mr. Kennedy came up to me and introduced himself. He then offered his help if and when I

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**Jerry Warren** - June 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ The NACAA and Texas County Agricultural Agents Associations have lost a great friend. Thurman was a real role model for me and my interest in these two wonderful associations. I many times looked to Thurman for advise and wisdom in my advancement within

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**Leon Church** - June 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I first met Mr. Kennedy when I was showing at the San Antonio Livestock Show as it was then called and then later renewed my acquaintance as a young breed executive and later as an Extension Specialist working at the show. He was warm and friendly and ver

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**Joe C. Paschal** - June 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM