



Tom F. Herring, Sr.

July 16, 1926 - May 18, 2010

HERRING

Tom F. Herring, Sr., born on July 16, 1926 in Laredo, Texas, passed away on May 18, 2010 in Ingram, Texas at the age of 83. His wide-ranging enthusiasm and unbounded energy brought him to the forefront in civic, religious, business, political, Philanthropic, and community progress. He achieved the very highest level in his chosen profession, the Hospitality Industry. His leadership skills first surfaced in high school, where he was a drum major of the band and winner of the "Most Valuable Member" Award at Laredo's Martin High School. Following a tour of duty with the Army Air Corps during World War II, he attended Texas A&M University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1947. He then entered the wholesale lumber business when he established Pan Tex Milling Co., which dealt with the importation of Mexican pine products into the United States. It was during those years that he married Edith May Winters of San Antonio in 1948. When Mexico raised an embargo on the exportation of pine, he entered the construction business as Vice-President in charge of construction for Herring-Price Lumber Co. in Laredo, a construction firm founded by his father in the 1920's. It was during the 1950's that he and his wife vacationed at Niagra Falls and the inspiration for his entrance into the hospitality industry was born. While staying in a hotel overlooking the neighboring country of Canada, he envisioned the same concept would be popular with tourists in a

hotel that would overlook our southern neighbor, Mexico. Thus in 1960, with a dramatic career change, he built the La Posada Hotel in Laredo, overlooking the Republic of Mexico through the conversion of an existing structure which was the original Laredo High School. His career as a Texas hotelman now firmly launched, vaulted him to the very highest levels of the profession that would become his passion. He subsequently built the La Posada in San Antonio, which would later become the La Mansion and the La Posada in McAllen, which was originally the Casa de Palmas. During this period, he served as President of the Texas Hotel and Motel Association and ultimately President of the American Hotel and Motel Association with his Installation occurring in 1984 at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City. In later years, he was Chairman of the Board of the San Antonio-based Herring Group, a holding company with diversified interests. Throughout his life he was very philanthropic with emphasis on education, giving particularly to schools attended by his four grandchildren. Throughout his career as a leader in the hotel industry, his hallmark was to always convert a landmark structure into a hotel or utilize a river and old neighborhood, or a church, to create a special atmosphere that would become a destination unto itself. His father, Tom F. Herring, his mother Isla Herring and his sister Edelweese Windrow preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Edith Herring, his two sons, Tom F. Herring Jr., and Tim H. Herring, daughter-in-law, Adriana "Ardie" Herring, and his grandchildren, Jennifer Nicole Herring, Timothy H. Herring, Victoria "Torrey" Ann Herring and Thomas F. Herring IV. He spent his last years enjoying the Texas Hill Country. In lieu of flowers, an endowment fund will be set up at Texas A&M University. Contact Porter Garner Jr., President of the Association of Former Students.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Sunday, May 23, 2010 from 6:00PM until 9:00PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral Services will be conducted on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 12:00PM at the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park North.

You may sign the on-line guestbook at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section.

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ *I knew Tom at Texas A&M. he was a gentleman and a scholar One of the finest people I EVER MET.*

Douglas Smith - September 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Herring Family,*

Please accept our sincerest condolences. We held Tom in the highest esteem, and though we didn't see him often. He will be missed. Our prayers are with you.

Dave and nancy

David & Nancy Leyendecker - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Dear Herring Family,*

Please accept our most profound condolences. We hope that you can find some comfort in your many special memories and in the thought of the happy years you shared. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

With love and sympathy,

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Brittingham & family - May 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Edie, I have only just now seen that "husband Tom" has been called home. To say that I am shocked would be an understatement. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this very difficult time. I am so very sorry for your loss.

J. Hope Fudge - May 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ HERRING FAMILY,
MAY JESUS COMFORT, SOOTHE, AND LEAD YOU THROUGH
THESE DAYS OF LOSS AND GRIEF. WE SEND YOU WARM
THOUGHTS AND LOVING PRAYERS
SINCERELY
RICKY & JUDY ALEXANDER

RICKY AND JUDY ALEXANDER - May 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Mrs Herring, Tom and Tim,
Our condolences; yesterday's weekly luncheon here was full of stories of Mr. Herring from back when by Beto Peña, Delia Gutierrez and Silvia. I'm still the newcomer in Laredo, but let me share what my Dad said when plann

Silvia & Jeff Jones - May 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ God has called a very good man and upon his passing I extend to the Herring family my heartfelt condolences. Tom was an extraordinary man, a fellow Aggie, a great family man, and a person with vision and drive, the type of people sorely needed here in Lare

Pete Arguindegui, Jr. - May 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *Dearest Herring Family: Words cannot express the love we have for Mr. Herring and your wonderful family. He was for us an employer, a mentor, a creative collaborator, a partner and a friend. He will be greatly missed.*

Guy and Meli Davis - May 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Dearest Herrings,*

Mr. Herring was an icon who symbolized the heart and spirit of old Laredo. I carry many great memories of La Posada and it's founder-a true gentleman. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

God bless,

The Mike Jackson Family

Mike Jackson Family - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Herring Family,*

Please accept our sincere condolences. May the memories of your father remain in your hearts forever and may the love of God give you peace and strength during this sad time.

Dick and Isa Davenport

Michael and Matthew Davenport

Dick and Isa Davenport & Sons - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Mrs. Herring, Tom, Tim

It was sad hearing of the death of Mr. Herring. His memory will always be with us. He was a great boss to work for. We always remember the great times we had working at La Posada here in Laredo as well as McAllen La Posada. Mr

ERNESTO & ZULEMA LONGORIA - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Tom, I bet you and my Dad are having fun up there. There are many many happy memories of the 'good ole days'. La Posada has been a large part of our lives. My wedding rehearsal dinner was there as was our son's. From George, Mike, Jim and Cata and myself, God b

Liz Minne, Link Investments - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I am sad to read about the passing of a Great Man. I will always remember having my first real job at La Posada and getting it back upon my return from the US Navy. To all the Family, my prayers are with you. Mr. Herring, you were an excellent Boss!

Juan Garza - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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Juan Garza - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ It was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of Tom, Sr. He had a great impact on Laredo and on the lives of the many people he touched. May you be comforted with knowing that he lived a long and fruitful life surrounded by a beautiful and lovi

Larry Norton - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Tim /Ardie; Our thoughts, prayers and sympathies are with you and the family. Hope to visit soon. God Bless You All at this time. Love, Ed, Jacque, E.J. and Michelle

The Billicks - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ Tom, our association is the most cherished time of my flying career and I know your loss will be devastating to Edie and the rest of the family.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this time.

Harley and Antoinette Ruth

Harley & Antoinette Ruth - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.

Directors & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North

Mission Park North - May 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *Dear friends:
I just learned the sad news of the passing on of an old and dear friend. Our hearts and prayers are with you and your wonderful family....
God bless you!
Alan & Cristina Jackson*

Alan Jackson - May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *There isn't enough space to write about all the great memories we have of you Tom.
Thanks for your leadership and generosity and for the great times.
Thanks for your love and compassion and for the teachings which will continue your great legacy.*

Glen Jackson Family - May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM