



Thomas Baird

November 9, 1942 - March 20, 2013

Thomas Harlan Baird of Waldron, Arkansas went to be with his Lord and Savior, Wednesday, March 20, 2013 in Waldron, Arkansas. Thomas was born November 9, 1942 to James and Ina Mae (Long) Baird in Plainview, Texas. Thomas was 70 years, 4 months and 11 days old. Thomas was a member of the Saint Jude Catholic Church in Waldron, Arkansas. Thomas graduated from West Texas State University. He married his love, Glendell, June 3 1963. Thomas was always a hard worker and busy doing something productive. He was an insurance adjuster for 30 plus years. He loved reading and studying history. Thomas love being a Scout Master. He was proud of and enjoyed being with his sons, and grandchildren in the Scouts. Thomas loved his faith. However, the quality time he spent with his family and loved ones were his most treasured memories. He loved each and everyone of them. Thomas leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife, Glendell of the home; two sons, James Baird and wife, Joanne of Irving, Texas, Mark Baird of the home; one brother, Michael Baird of Amarillo, Texas. He was a loving ?Paw Paw? to Abigail, Glenn, John and Charles Baird and two great-grandchildren, Logan and Luke Baird. Thomas will be missed by all that knew him and the many whose lives were impacted by him including his nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, friends and loved ones. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, James and Ina Mae Baird; and one son, Nelson Baird. Thomas? rosary will be recited at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 24, 2013 at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Waldron, Arkansas Thomas? funeral mass

will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at the Saint Jude Catholic Church with Father Ravi Rajagudi, officiating. Interment to follow in the Bush Cemetery near Waldron, Arkansas. Arrangements and cremation are being entrusted to the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory in Waldron, Arkansas. Thomas' visitation will be held 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, March 24, 2013 at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, Arkansas.

Tribute Wall

JB

“My father was a man of conviction and knowledge. He raised me in libraries, museums, historical sites, colleges and in nature. We were, I guess, one of the last of the generations that believe that learning self-reliance and confidence requires one to be able to defend your positions with sound reasoning and to follow one's faith without compromise. He taught me to defend and encourage and love one's family and honor. He also taught me that loving the defenseless, the orphan, the widow and the disenfranchised of our society was not only the honorable position, but required for our salvation and civilization. His mind was always far larger than his mileau, his heart bigger than Texas, and he was, by God, a true Texan rebel son of rebels. When you think of him, sing Dixie or the Yellow Rose of Texas, and remember that he had not a racist bone in his body. He loved true freedom, states rights, and the honor of his ancestors that fought for all these things in every theater of war from Jamestown through WWII. Tom was a warrior through and through, but his battlegrounds were intellectual and spiritual. He taught me to shoot at 12 years of age, but taught me to love reading from the age of 5. He departed too early from my life, but I am used to that to some degree. The arid, windy and sand-blown Quitaque valley of Texas is his legacy to me, and what I can offer him is merely my love and my thanks for having raised me to be a man that loves and is passionate. He was ever faithful to his wife and family, honorable, loving and most of all one of the best friends a man or woman could ever have. Rest in peace, Padre, your son can only hope to be like his father.

James Baird - May 20, 2014 at 10:47 PM

MC

“My thoughts are with you Glendell. I think of both of you often. Tommy was a great person. Melvin Cobb

Melvin Cobb - March 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ just late this afternoon Weldon and I were out at the cemetery and I made the comment that we hadn't heard from tommy recently. then I got this from phil tonight.
thinking of all of you, remembering all the good times we had together in high school.....

Weldon & Billie Jeane Griffin - March 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ My sympathy to all the family at the loss of Tom. You all and he will be in my prayers.

KATHY O'BRIEN - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I'm sorry to hear of your loss.

*Requiem Aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetuae luceat eis.
Requiescant in pace*

Michael Gray - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM