



Edwin Gustav Preis

February 17, 1916 - July 28, 2011

Funeral service for Edwin G. Preis, 95, of Newellton, Louisiana, will be held at 2 P.M. Sunday, July 31, 2011, at the Newellton Union Church with Clyde Ray Weber officiating. Burial will be at Legion Memorial Cemetery. Edwin was born February 17, 1916, in Waterproof, Louisiana. He was married to Pat Preis for 67 wonderful years. He passed away Thursday, July 28, 2011 after a short illness. Edwin lived in Newellton with his wife, Pat, for 65 years. Edwin was the Mayor of Newellton for 28 years. He was president of the Louisiana Municipal Association and had numerous friends around the state of Louisiana. He loved Newellton and Tensas Parish and was dedicated to the public school system, and improvements in the town of Newellton. The people of Newellton said of him that "if you sent him to Washington with a credit card, he would bring back a new water system or sewer system". He was a founder of the Little League Baseball Association in the parish. One of his greatest loves was serving as announcer along with his long time friend O.R. Barnes, at the Newellton High football games during the 1960's when Newellton won two district championships and was state runner up. During his tenure as Mayor, he was asked to represent Louisiana in a meeting at the White House with then President Bill Clinton.

Edwin is survived by his wife Pat; two sons, Edwin Preis and his wife, Chris of Lafayette, and Phillip Preis and his wife, Terry of Baton Rouge and his one daughter, Patricia Preis Thompson and her husband, Dr. Tony Thompson of

Nacogdoches Texas. Edwin had twelve grandchildren whom he loved and followed their lives to adulthood. He is survived by Elise Colomb and her husband, Brian, Meredith Lalonde and her husband, Jonah, Meghan Thibodeaux and her husband, Garrett all of Lafayette; Phillip Preis Jr. and his wife, Emelie of Brooklyn, New York, Caroline Preis Graham and her husband, Eric Graham of Baton Rouge, Michael Preis of Austin, Texas, Jennifer Preis of Dallas, Texas, Matt Thompson of Baton Rouge, Graham Thompson and Ben Thompson of Shreveport and his step-grandchildren, Todd Adam and his wife, Jennifer of the Woodlands, Texas and Ginger Adam of Baton Rouge; and ten great-grandchildren.

The pallbearers will be his grandsons. Honorary pallbearers will be Frank Burnside Jr, Sonny Kifer and Billy Guthrie. The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Newellton Union Church Memorial Fund, Box 265, Newellton, La.

Tribute Wall

BA

“ *My deepest sympathy on your loss.*

Bill Aaron - August 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *You and your family are in my prayers.*

Kim Leija

Kim Leija - August 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Dear Phil, My condolences. Sincerely yours, Steve Mintz, Monroe*

Steve Mintz - July 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

YB

“ *Edwin: Please accept my family's sincerest condolences for the loss of your father. We will continue to pray for you and your family during this difficult time.*

Yvette & Mickey Bonvillain - July 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Edwin was so good to me when I worked at the store during high school and college. My number one job was to always find where he had laid down his cigar. Mr. Edwin taught me "how to work" and "how to be a good employee". Ms. Pat, Edwin, Phil, and Patricia, my thoughts are with you all at this time.*

Martha Ann Williams Burks - July 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ My heart is sad, yet happy today. A great man has gone to be with his "maker". Debra and I hope that you are comforted by family and friends. We will not be able to make the trip from Charleston, SC, but want all to know we are thinking about them this weekend. Love to all, Jim and Debbie Poe

James A (Jimmy) Poe - July 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I know he will be missed greatly and I'm praying for the family. Like so many others , I have fond memories of Mr. Edwin at Kullman Brothers store. I always liked shopping there for school clothes when we lived there in the late 50's and early 60's. Also, when Mom and Dad moved back up there in 1976, that was one of the first places I went. It was always the same, everyone was so nice and helpful. I really missed it when he closed down. In fact, I miss Newellton being like it was back in the 60's.

Peggy Taylor Brice - July 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ To the family of Edwin Pries;
Our family extends our deepest sympathy to all of you in the loss of Mr. Edwin, as he was affectionately known to us. His kindness and patience with me as my employer on my very first public job in the 1960's was and still is so appreciated. Mrs. Pat, I have never forgotten how nice you both were to me down through all those years. Our loving thoughts and prayers are with you and your children.

Mary and Luther Parker and Family
Olla, Louisiana formerly of Newellton

Mary and Luther Parker - July 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ *Mr. Edwin will be fondly remembered by everyone who knew him. I pray that Mrs. Pat and their children and grandchildren will find comfort now in knowing that others are praying for them, and that others care.*

Nora Muse Hawk - July 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ *Dear Edwin & Family: May the love of those around you and the love of Father God, comfort you through the days ahead. Please know that I share in your sorrow and will continue to pray for you and your family. May the peace of the Lord be with you. If you should need anything, please do not hesitate to call.*

MiLisa York - July 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM