



Tom Marsh Hastings

November 10, 1939 - January 3, 2021

Tom Marsh Hastings, 81, of Valley View, TX, joined his Savior on Sunday, January 3, 2021. Tom was born November 10, 1939 in Dallas, TX to William Roy and Beulah Mae (Marsh) Hastings. Tom married Susan Nichols on February 10, 1977 in Denton, TX. He succumbed to COVID-19, although he suffered breathing difficulty for several years.

Tommy loved God, his family, life, and people, and managed to make even the most mundane situations fun. He had volumes of jokes and stories which he loved to repeat.

Larger than life, he was a Cowboy to the core and loved any excuse to herd and brand cattle, ride cutting horses, and spend time with his many friends that shared those interests. He never met a stranger.

He graduated from Hillcrest High School in Dallas, Tarleton State Junior College, and Texas A&M, where he lived in the horse barn and was a yell leader. He was a proud Aggie for life.

Professionally he was a real estate broker specializing in farms and ranches but would have preferred living on a ranch with lots of his poker buddies close by.

He was blessed with wonderful cutting horses: Alices Rey Jay, Ollie Rey, Ollie Tom, Ollies Jeannie, and Little KoKo Telesis who was given to him in his later years by a wonderful friend. He was an accomplished rider and showman, attaining the NCHA Non-Pro Reserve World Championship twice and the NCHA Non-Pro Top Ten many times. He continued to show cutting horses into his 80's. He was a judge for hundreds of cuttings and horseshows for the NCHA, AQHA, APHA, and Appaloosas. He especially enjoyed being a mentor and teaching new cutters. Tommy was a proud member of the Non-Pro National Cutting Horse Hall of Fame since 1981.

Tommy and his wife Susan were blessed to have 45 years together. He will also be deeply missed by his brother Bill Hastings; stepsons, Dr. Robert Jason Pavelka, J. DuVal West III, and Michael F. West; grandchildren, Madison Pavelka, Olivia Pavelka, Brody Pavelka, J. DuVal West IV, and Kody West; and a nephew Ian Roy Hastings.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sarah, and parents, Roy and Swampy Hastings.

The family will receive friends during a visitation at 10:00AM, Saturday, January 16, 2021 at First Rock Fellowship in Aubrey, TX with a funeral service following at 11:00AM officiated by Larry Reynolds. Burial will be at Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton, TX. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Memorials may be made in Tom's memory to the National Cutting Horse Association Foundation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Park

3801 Roselawn Dr.
Denton, TX 76207
kacy@roselawndenton.com
<http://roselawndenton.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Rock Fellowship
201 N. Cherry Street
Aubrey, TX 76227
(940) 365-2445

Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

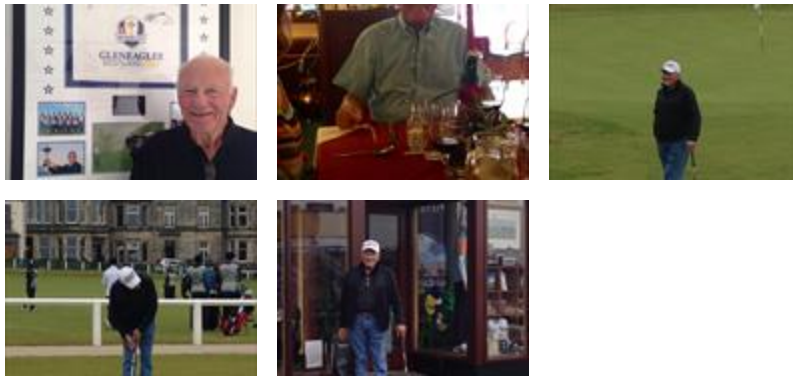
JAN 16 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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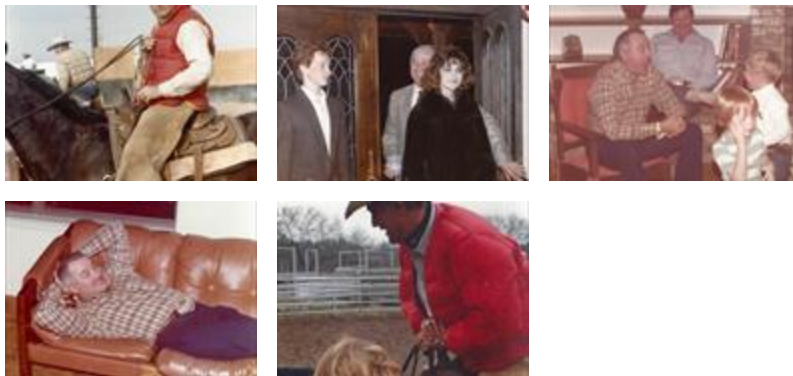
“What a great time we always had with you and Suse! Tommy was so full of life and always looking for a good laugh. Although we only met you in the last 15 years, it feels like you were part of our family. We loved you dearly and will never forget you. I’m so glad we were able to travel to Scotland with you and Suse and experience “foreign travel and driving” together! I’ll never forget the smell of you burning the clutch up on that European rental car. So much fun and laughed until we cried. Please hug my sweet momma’s neck when you get settled into heaven. Love and miss you Tommy!



Kim Bedell - January 16, 2021 at 10:17 PM

MK

“5 files added to the album Memories Album



Mary Lou Kromer - January 15, 2021 at 05:31 PM

MK

Lanny and I have so many wonderful memories of Tommy as a friend, neighbor and fellow "cutter." He was such a fun, loving, giving individual. Our hearts ache for Susan and his family.

Mary Lou Kromer - January 15, 2021 at 05:46 PM

PQ

“ *What can I say about Tommy? Such a good friend and neighbor. Chris and I owe Tom and Susan for selling us our beautiful property. The day he passed I was looking thru the Journal at the sage remarks at the back and I found this by James Owen in his book Cowboy Ethics - “There is really something special about real cowboys. They carry themselves with an authenticity, a genuine humility and a quiet confidence that sets them apart. The figure of a cowboy represents the best of America - the courage, the optimism and plain hard work that built our nation.” Kind of says it all doesn't it? Will miss his greeting “Hi Kid”. See you down the road my friend.*

Pam Quakenbush - January 15, 2021 at 04:03 PM

MW

“ *Tommy became my step-father right before my 5th birthday in 1966, He really was the greatest all-around man I've ever met in my life. I'm so proud to have been a part of his. Though he will be missed, the happiness he has brought to so many people, will always be fondly remembered. Much Love and Respect to Tommy!!! Love, Mike West*

Mike West - January 14, 2021 at 03:11 AM

DW

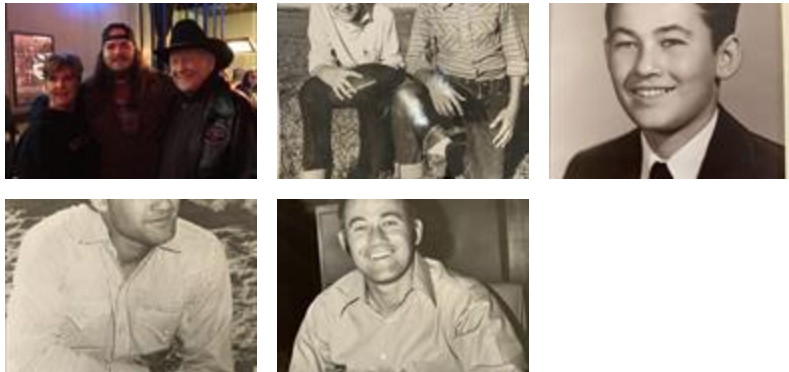
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DuVal West - January 13, 2021 at 11:01 AM

DW

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DuVal West - January 13, 2021 at 10:27 AM

MM

“ *When I first met Tommy through my wife, Beth, he didn't know me from Joe. But, he and Sue welcomed me into there home no questions asked and treated me like one of the family. Although I only knew him briefly, Tommy's character, graciousness, and genuine love of family and friends have made a lasting impression on me and inspire me to want to be more like him. The world is a sorrier place for his passing, but his impact on the world while he was here must have been priceless. - Mike Mitchell*

Mike Mitchell - January 12, 2021 at 10:27 PM

JV

*I will surely miss him
He suffered quite a bit but you wouldn't know it
Will miss him but he is going to a better place where there isn't any
pain
RIP podner*

jodie vance - January 13, 2021 at 06:37 PM

MK

“ *Letting a young horse lover/rider(Sara Knight) to ride his cutting horse was a thrill for her that she never forgot. She had a crush on Tommy from that day forward. God Bless, Marge Knight*

Marge & Ed Knight - January 12, 2021 at 10:15 PM



“ *20 files added to the album Memories Album*



Slay Memorial Funeral Center - January 12, 2021 at 05:15 PM

LW

“ I'm so sorry to hear that Tom has passed.
I first met him in not so normal circumstances.
Jason was playing little league baseball opposite my son, Larry Slaughter.
Tom was yelling at the players on my team, rattling them to no end.
Finally I jumped up and screamed, " don't listen to that gray haired old man!"
Lol. It didn't slow him down one bit.
(He had the most beautiful head of silver hair even back in the 70s.)
I got to know him in the 80s when I started publishing a monthly newspaper for the horse industry.
He was never without a a smile or kind word. I feel blessed to have known him.
Lillian Williams

Lillian Williams - January 09, 2021 at 12:34 PM

LS

So sorry for the loss of Tommy. Tommy and I showed horses in the 80's and 90's together. He was always so much fun to around and always had a good joke to tell. He will be missed. Prayers to Susan and his family

Leslie Shaw - January 10, 2021 at 04:02 PM

JP

So sorry for the loss of Mr Tommy.I had great time with him at shows,he helped me ride and Show Momma Jude as a youth!
PRAYERS TO YOU MRS SUSAN AND YOUR FAMILY
JUAN PEREZ

JUAN C PEREZ - January 11, 2021 at 02:44 PM

LO

“ My condolences to the Hastings family.

Lois Ann Osburn - January 09, 2021 at 12:14 PM

LF

“ *LaVerne Rose & Family lit a candle in memory of Tom Marsh Hastings*



LaVerne Rose & Family - January 09, 2021 at 04:01 AM

LR

We all loved Tommy ... knew him in his teenage years. Gonna miss picking up the phone and talking to him. VERY SPECIAL PERSON ONE OF A KIND!!!

LaVerne Rose - January 12, 2021 at 04:41 PM

GW

Dear Susan We are all going to miss Tommy ! He always had a smile and a joke to tell ! What a great man he was we loved every second we were blessed to share with him!!!

Gary & Mary Walker

Gary Walker - January 19, 2021 at 11:25 AM

JW

“ *There should be more Tommy Hastings in the world. Can't imagine how many will miss him. Have fun in Heaven, Tommy, we'll catch up with you later.*

Jan Walner - January 08, 2021 at 07:41 PM

SM

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Toms passing, Susan our thoughts and prayers are with you and your dear family. Carlos and Shirley Mann*

Shirley Mann - January 08, 2021 at 07:16 PM

CT

“ Carol Hill Taylor lit a candle in memory of Tom Marsh Hastings



carol Hill Taylor - January 08, 2021 at 05:08 PM

BA

Tommy's always with a great warm smile and a big laugh...willing to help anyone that would ask.... will miss you Tommy rest in piece my friend, Bob Armijo Ettenhausen Germany 🇩🇪 (Denton Texas) at Jimmy Smith's)

Bob Armijo - January 10, 2021 at 04:01 AM

BJ

Tommy was the first judge to mark me a big score I will never forget that day. Tommy's kindness his laughing eyes I always new he was up to something hey Jackson have you heard about I will miss that. Walking into a cutting and hearing his voice always made me feel good that he was there. The number of lives that he touched in the cutting world will never be able to be counted Tommy will be greatly missed Bryan Jackson

Bryan Jackson - January 12, 2021 at 09:16 AM