



SIDNEY REX ELLIS

Mr. Sidney Rex Ellis, loving father and grandfather, departed this world on Sunday, June 17, 2007. Mr. Ellis was born in Crockett on March 5, 1949 and lived there until graduating from Crockett High School. Mr. Ellis then moved to Lubbock where he received his degree from Texas Tech University. Then, in Houston, Mr. Ellis was in sales at Sears before moving into his role as a successful Allstate agent. Mr. Ellis owned his Allstate agency for 36 years, building a large clientele and winning many corporate awards. Mr. Ellis was an Honor Ring recipient and won the National Conference Award numerous times.

As dedicated as he was to his business, Mr. Ellis was even more devoted to his two sons: Jason Aldrich Ellis and Jordan David Ellis, and his little grandson Riley. Mr. Ellis's extreme love for his family was unquestionable, and he will be truly missed by all his family and his many friends, dear friends, many of whom go back as far as elementary school. Over the years, Mr. Ellis remained in contact with these friends; he was loyal and would do anything for those he held close in his very large circle of friends.

As a teenager, Rex played basketball and golf for the Crockett Bulldogs, drove a really cool 1965 Mustang, and was known by many as "Oedipus." Mr. Ellis was conservative, yet every once in a while managed to shock folks by doing something unexpected. Mr. Ellis's extremely dry wit often fooled some, but most

were aware of his quick and sometimes acerbic sense of humor. All trivia, particularly information about the state of Texas, Crockett and the many people within the city and within Houston County, fascinated Mr. Ellis, and with his acute attention to details, he often seemed to possess a photographic memory. No doubt, he remembered stories and events in detail long after others had forgotten, and he knew and remembered little known facts that often allowed him to win debates and bets. He was an avid golfer and was thrilled to have been in attendance at this year's Augusta National Master's Tournament.

Friends and family recall Mr. Ellis as a thoughtful and caring person, a sensitive and generous man, able to work through adversity to create a more positive result. His unselfishness will continue even after his death as Mr. Ellis became a donor to the Gift of Life. Mr. Ellis most recent accomplishment in which he took great pride was the establishment of the Jordan D. Ellis Memorial Scholarship. This August, the first scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student in the Fire Science Department at the College of the Mainland.

Survivors include his son Jason Ellis and wife Lauren; precious grandson Riley Ellis "Papa" and Riley spent a lot of quality time together certainly "Papa" will be remembered as a loving and involved grandfather; sister Jerry Corbin and husband Bob, of Crockett; also leaves behind so many dear friends, including his special friend Carol Wallace.

Preceded in death by his parents J. A. and Lucille Ellis; brother Tony Ellis; and his beloved son, Jordan David Ellis.

Funeral Services for Mr. Sidney Rex Ellis were held Wednesday, June 20, at 10:00 a.m. at The Woodlands Forest Park Funeral Home.

Graveside Services were held at 1:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Memorial Park in Crockett.

Mr. Ellis's family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to this fund: The Jordan D. Ellis Memorial Scholarship, c/o The College of the Mainland Foundation, 1200 Amburn, Suite A-148, Texas City, TX 77591.

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Park Funeral Home**