

# Grapeland Messenger

Memorial services for Spencer Mayo Murchison of Houston, son of George Spencer Murchison of Grapeland, were held Thursday, October 22, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston with the Rev. Laurence A. Gipson officiating.

Mr. Murchison, age 59, died suddenly on Saturday, October 17, 1998, in Chestertown, Maryland, while attending a family wedding.

While a student at Bellaire High School, Mr. Murchison earned honors as an all-city football star. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1962 with a degree in chemical engineering. After graduating from UT, he attended nuclear submarine school and served for six years in the U. S. Navy's Atlantic nuclear submarine fleet. After the Navy, Mr. Murchison attended the University of Pennsylvania and obtained an MBA degree from the Wharton School. He returned to Houston in 1970 and started his business career as assistant to the president of Statford of Texas. He joined Adams Resources & Energy, Inc. in 1972 where he served for 12 years in various executive positions including Executive Vice President and President. In 1985, Mr. Murchison founded Murchison Partners, Ltd., a private oil and gas investment and consulting group, and later became President and CEO of Falcon Oil & Gas Co., Inc.

At the time of his death, Mr. Murchison was general partner of Woodway Capital Ventures and was pursuing a corporate consolidation of privately owned industrial supply firms. He was a past Senior Warden of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, a member of the Young Presidents' and World Presidents' organizations, former president of

the Forest Club, former president of the Garwood Hunting Club and a member of River Oaks Breakfast Club.

In addition to his diverse business, civic and church life, Mr. Murchison was an avid hunter and fisherman, a skilled craftsman in leather and wood and a gourmet cook. Spencer Murchison was a faithful Christian, loving husband and father and dear friend to many people.

His survivors include his wife of 34 years, Bridget Cauley Murchison; his children, Spencer F. Murchison of Houston, Hila Murchison Graham and her husband, Joseph W. Graham, of Nashville, Tennessee, and James F. Murchison of Houston; his father, George Spencer Murchison of Grapeland; and his brother, Richard T. Murchison of Houston.

Mr. Murchison was preceded in death by his mother, Rosalee C. Murchison, and his brother, Phil F. Murchison.

Memorial donations may be sent to St. Martin's Episcopal Church or the American Heart Association.