



Maurice Black

March 14, 1943 - January 19, 2012

Maurice Black, age 68, of Plano, Texas passed away January 19, 2012. He was born March 14, 1943 in Union Grove, Alabama to Harvey Pink Black and Lula (Narrel) Black. On August 26, 1966 he married Martha Chisam in Huntsville, Alabama. Maurice loved playing golf, eating seafood and spending time at the Gulf Shores. He had a wide circle of friends with whom he enjoyed playing golf and telling stories. He is survived by his wife, Martha Black of Plano, Texas; daughters, Susan Jones and husband, Steve of Dallas, Texas, Kasie Hardy and husband, Charles of Nashville, Tennessee; grandson, Charlie Hardy of Nashville, Tennessee; sisters, Willsie Black and Sarah Ferguson both of Birmingham, Alabama; niece, Donna Camp and husband, Mike of Arab, Alabama; nephews, Mike Huggins and Tom Huggins both of Arab, Alabama and many other loving family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Lula Black; sister, Betty Huggins; brother, Charles Dale Black; brother-in-law, Stanley Ferguson and nephew, Steve Huggins. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 23, 2012 in the Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel, Allen, Texas.

Memorials

Was a classmate and friend of Squire (pronounced square in Arab). Haven't seen him in several years but have been wondering about him. Always enjoyed his visits when he came to town. My sincere sympathy to the family.

LAWAYNE LEAK, JANUARY 26, 2012

I have some fond memories of our childhood and teenage years. Wish we could have got together and talked about them.

WENDELL HELMS, JANUARY 25, 2012

Martha and girls, You know how much "Square" meant to me. He was my BEST growing up buddy. I knew him before the first grade all the way through high school. We were neighbors, the same age and interested in the same things. If you ever want to know about his childhood, spend a few hours with me. We played in the creek, building our wood hut in the woods, plowed our mules in the gardens, played baseball and basketball from the 5th grade on through high school; had to "thumb" home from basketball practice and games. We were on the same high school basketball team. He was good. We went everywhere together. We fished, rode the bus to Birmingham to see his sister, Willsie, and back. We would hit balls to one another and one on one basketball. In short, we liked the same things. I never had a fight with anyone, because "Square" was my protector. He was always larger than me, he even drank at least one half gallon of milk at one time. He use milk as his water. We never had a fight and always felt comfortable with him and visa versa. If you ever want to talk about his childhood let me know. I will miss him, but will always have fond memories of him. His dry humor and self deprecation started in his high school years. He has had lots of nicknames. 5-6 grade he was "sherrif" because of his cowboy guns and ataire and bullwhip. He could make it really snap. 7-12 grade he was "Square" because of his many attributes. I still call him Square. I also see he has other names in his adult live, MO. I will miss him but will always have fond memories. Coy Bramlett Childhood and neighborhood friend.

COY BRAMLETT, JANUARY 25, 2012

Martha, my name is Wendell Bagwell. I have known Maurice all his life. I was born and raised about a mile east of his home place. I have played a lot of times with him and other boys in the community. Even 6 years his senior didn't make a lot of difference in our young life. I knew his mom and dad, as well as all his family. If you can, please pass this on to his sisters for me. I lost contact with Maurice as a teenager, but I always thought a lot of him. I intended to say earlier that I now live in Arab. I noticed in the paper (Arab Tribune) where he had

some relatives in Arab. Again, Martha, I am so sorry about Maurice. Sincerely,

WENDELL BAGWELL, JANUARY 25, 2012

Moe was the type of person who when he walked into a room, everyone stopped and took notice. He had a commanding presence that everyone noticed. He could make everyone feel at home, except Auburn fans... Thanks for the memories, Moe

GUY IRBY, JANUARY 25, 2012

I knew Moe from my work a few years ago. I hadn't talked to him since I moved to Houston, but the world lost a great man. I don't ever remember a time when Moe wasn't smiling and telling a story. Thoughts and prayers to his family, may God bring you peace and comfort in your time of sorrow.

SAM WEBB, JANUARY 24, 2012

Martha, Family, and Friends, In the short time that I was privileged to know Moe, I was honored to call him my friend. There is not enough that can be said about Moe, but can briefly be summarized in stating that "Moe was awesome". He was there when we were down, and help lift us back up. He was there to cheer us on as we were moving forward and struggling. He was there to buy you a bucket when you couldn't afford one. Moe was a Father, an Uncle, and a Husband to everyone, and he will forever be missed. He will never ever be forgotten, but he will forever be missed. To my sweet Uncle Moe, I love you, My wife loves you, and my Son loves you. Thank you so so much for helping me through my rough times. Thank you so much for seeing me for who I am and who I became before many others. Thank you for always being there to support us, and cheer us on! I wish we had more time here on earth to "Drink up" together, but look forward to the day we can spend time together again.

CHRIS, JULIE, AND TRISTAN SAWTELLE, JANUARY 23, 2012

Oh where to begin? No way can anyone who has known Moe begin to put it in a paragraph. He was my friend and mentor. To know him is to love him. Moe's life was like an open steak sandwich. What you saw is what you got. He allowed me into his life and his family. My best thoughts go to Martha, Susan and Kasie who now must move on. They all took me in just like I was family as

well. Moe and I laughed, we cried, we lived through many wonderful and trying times. I will miss him greatly but he will be with me forever in thoughts. He did pass and I know he would want me to move on so I will. To Martha, Susan and Kasie thanks for sharing your husband and dad with me. I am a better man as a result.

CHARLES SAWTELLE, JANUARY 23, 2012

Martha, Susan and Kasi, It was my great pleasure to work with Mo beginning in 1996 until his retirement. Mo had such a zest for life. We often talked about how proud he was of his family. I remember his story about playing basketball for Alabama and a young player named Joe Willie Namath. He always told me about his great trips to the coast and the great sea food. My apologies for not being able to be there for the service but you are in my thoughts and prayers. Mo was a special man and he will be missed by many.

JAN TAYLOR, JANUARY 23, 2012

I only got to meet him once when we met for barbeque in Ft. Worth. He was an amazing man who enjoyed life! My thoughts and prayers are with Susan, Martha and all your family. May he rest in eternal peace.

LAURA CLARE KELLER, JANUARY 23, 2012

Mo and I worked at Aetna in the property claims division. Boy, did he provide great help to a very novel property supervisor. I appreciated the technical assistance and words of wisdom. His teachings always began with "Well, you know Genita..." I can picture him raring back in his seat as he delivered the day's lesson. The cigarette dangling from his lips always added a bit of authority and charisma. He was the best. Thanks, Mo. As Robert Boyce always alludes to, heaven is rocking now that it has the company of Mo, Mike Taylor, and Susan Brown. I can't wait to see again. My love and blessings to the family,

GENITA D ANDERSON, JANUARY 23, 2012

I truly cherish the friendship I had with Moe. Never was I around him that I didn't have a great time and left feeling the better...though there were a few occasions I had difficulty remembering what was said and done, and the next

morning was not always good. The journey with Moe was colorful and rewarding. My sincere condolences for his loss.

JOHN O LOCHRIDGE, JANUARY 23, 2012

Moe and I worked at the Aetna together for a few years. We happened to be talking one day and he told me he went to University of Alabama. He was a die hard Crimson Tide fan. I asked him once before football season started how the Tide was going to do. He said "I don't care as long as we beat Auburn." I said jokingly, "you mean the team can have a 1-9 season as long as that one victory is Auburn." He said "dang right, we must beat Auburn." Ironically I saw him recently at the funeral service of another ex co-worker. My last words to him was "Roll Tide." He was a great adjuster that I learned a lot from, but a better man. We enjoyed his dry wit, and his gruff southern drawl, and he will be missed. God bless the Black Family. Roll Tide Moe, rest in peace.

ROBERT F BOYCE, JANUARY 22, 2012

I knew Mo for almost 30 years. He was a good friend and known for his loyalty. I played many a round of golf with Mo and never enjoyed anyone more than him. I also spent some time with him at the Southern Comfort where we shared many a tale and hours with a variety of really good people. God Bless you, Mo Black, you will be sorely missed.

MITCHELL AKA BUBBA B. SANDLIN, JANUARY 22, 2012

I met Mo when we were fellow Regional General Adjusters at Aetna L & C. We went on to work together at Travelers. I had the pleasure of working, playing golf, eating barbeque, and drinking beer with Mo on many occasions. I really miss those days. May God bless Mo and make sure he gets to that nineteenth hole each day in Heaven after playing a sun filled 18.

PAUL D. LETTAU, JANUARY 22, 2012

Mo, You are one of the best!!! Rest easy my friend and thanks for the memories..... Fitz

TIM FITZGERALD, JANUARY 22, 2012

At the time I met Mo I was with Aetna also. We met at various business functions, and ultimately when I worked in Hartford, CT he visited in my home

several times as well as meeting in Texas following a storm. Whatever the circumstances, one would never forget Mo. He had some great stories, and was also the subject of some great stories as well! (He was the only person I ever met who carried his own sign and ash tray so that he could properly designate a smoking area wherever he might be - and no one ever took exception to his designations! I have many great memories of Mo, always with a smile and a story - and a practical view of almost every situation that could arise. I will always have those memories. My deepest sympathy to all his family and friends - our thoughts are with you.

WILLIAM \ RODGERS, JANUARY 22, 2012

Martha, Kasie and Susan: Roger and I extend our deepest sympathies to you on the passing of Mo. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time and am sorry that we are unable to be with you. You will be in our thoughts as you travel this final journey. Love Gayle and Roger

GAYLE CHISAM DAMEROW, JANUARY 21, 2012

*I WILL MISS YOU MOE, MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU MARTHA AND FAMILY. I KNOW YOU WERE A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE OF LIFE.
SINCERELY, LINDA*

LINDA COOLEY OLSEN, JANUARY 21, 2012

Southern Comfort happy hours, liars poker, good conversations, and lots and lots of laughter. Will really miss Moe, he was a good one, fun to be around, wish I'd have had more time with him, Charlie, and the others. You are in my prayers Martha.

BILL OLSEN, JANUARY 21, 2012

Moe, Charlie, Joe, Richard, and many others have quaffed a few together.....Here is one more to a real friend, fellow employee and all around good guy. I will miss him.....

JERRY BARNES, JANUARY 20, 2012

The Round Table "deep" discussions about life is what I remember well. The laughs, tears, jokes. He will be greatly missed by so many. Martha, I will keep you and your family in prayers. 1 Cor.2:9 says it well---" No one has ever

imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him." Ann

ANN SHARP, JANUARY 20, 2012

I didn't know Moe except through Charles Sawtelle stories about him but from those stories Moe came across as one of those people you wish you'd met in this journey through life. My sympathies to his family and friends.

DAVID DONALD HUNT, JANUARY 20, 2012

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