



S. W. Christie

March 1, 1926 - December 23, 2017

Sampson William "S.W." Christie, age 91, of Frisco, Texas, passed away Saturday, December 23, 2017. He was born on March 1, 1926, in Frisco, Texas, to Sam and Ethel (Waters) Christie. S.W. was a farmer and an employee of a pipeline construction company in Frisco for a number of years.

S.W. is survived by his son, Edd Christie and his wife, Judy, of Oak Point, Texas; his daughter-in-law, Janet Christie of Frisco, Texas; his grandchildren, B.J. Christie and wife, Joy, of Frisco, Texas, Jason Mackie and wife, Sherry, of Jenks, Oklahoma, and April Jurisch of Frisco, Texas; his great-grandchildren, Jackson Christie, Bruce Christie, Hannah Mackie, Haley Mackie, Hope Mackie, Harlee Mackie, A'stin Jurisch, and Ariel Jurisch; as well as several nieces and nephews.

S.W. was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Christie; son, Sam Christie; parents, Sam and Ethel Christie; and sisters, Velma Ruth Reed and Etta Ownsby.

The family will receive friends during a visitation at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home Chapel, 8520 Main Street, Frisco, Texas, on Wednesday, December 27, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, December 28, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Rowlett Cemetery in Plano, Texas.

Memorials

I never read the local paper but happened to flip through it this evening. I am so glad I did as I saw SW's name jump out at me from the pages. It was an

honor to know him in his later years. I loved listening to his stories about Frisco and his family. He always spoke fondly about his wife and sisters. I enjoyed my time with him. Whenever I would leave him he would say, "Thank ya, hun". It was my pleasure S.W.

TINA SPONSLER, DECEMBER 29, 2017

The service today was a beautiful celebration for S W. It reminded me of some really good times. I knew S W through the Heritage Association. He told wonderful stories of the pranks that he played as a boy in Frisco when it was a country farming community. He also shared his stories of his mission trips to Russia and the Amazon and giving Bibles to people and children all over the world. He insisted that I bring my grandchildren to see his farm. So one day my granddaughter was with me and we went to S W's farm. He proudly showed us the photos of his trips. Then we went to the barn where he showed us how the corn-shelling machine worked. He let my granddaughter, Sydney about 8 at the time, ride on his tractor with him through the garden. We then went across the street to see the cows. He had one cow that was very tame. He had Sydney sit on top of the cow while I took a photo. Sydney had a great day and SW was a super host to show us some of the things that he treasured. SW was also a great helper at the Heritage Museum. When the museum opened in 2008 I had the idea that we needed to show the school children who tour the museum what cotton looks like when it is growing. I asked SW to show me how it is correctly planted (since I grew up in Dallas and am not a farm girl). He was happy to help. He went to great lengths to till the soil and make exact rows and show me that the seeds need to be a certain distance apart. He planted the cotton "crop" in the flowerbed in front of the museum for several years for us. He told me about growing cotton in Arizona that grew 6 feet tall. He also was happy to make the frames for the Heritage markers that we placed around the city to mark historic sites and buildings. One Christmas the museum had an exhibit on toys. SW loaned the museum the jeep that he made. Everyone marveled that he built such a nice machine from scratch. The last time I saw SW was about a year ago in the rehabilitation center near Centennial Hospital.

I am not sure if he recognized me or not, but that did not slow him down one bit from telling me some stories. It was a pleasure to have known SW. I will miss him. Since SW was a native of Frisco and such a big part of the city, the Heritage Association would be honored to be able to scan photos that you may find that show Frisco as a farming community, the homecoming parades, the town as it grew, and SW and his farm.

SUSANNE KERLEY, DECEMBER 28, 2017

Tonight I visited S.W.Christie, I felt such peace in his precence. S.W. was a force of kindness, pride and leadership when I met him during my employment at J.W."Bill"Christie, Inc. Rest In Peace and know that you were respected and loved by many who knew you or were lucky enough to have crossed within your life's path.

LISA WRIGHT, DECEMBER 27, 2017

My heart was sadden when I heard that SW passed away. One of the sweetest men I ever knew. He was the BEST BOSS anyone could have. Prayers for all, for he will be missed.

RUTH SMITH, DECEMBER 27, 2017

So sorry to hear about S.W. Our condolences to the family. S.W. was one of a kind and will be missed by his many friends.

SAM ROACH, DECEMBER 27, 2017

Dear Christie Family, S.W. and my late husband Bob Sutton owned property adjacent to each other on Main St. near the railroad tracks. I met him there once and we later became friends through the Heritage Association. S.W. and I collaborated on the "Reading, Writing, and 'Rithmetic" book about the one room school houses in Frisco. None of the buildings were standing when our project began, but S.W. remembered where every one of them had been. One day, I drove committee members around rural Frisco with S.W. navigating so we could mark the school locations on a map. The City of Frisco was quite interested in this information and assigned their GIS department to create an accurate map from our research which can be found in the book. S.W. was a kind and generous man. He was always willing to help impart his knowledge

(and he had a lot of it) to the Heritage projects. I know he loved his family with all his heart, especially Mary, who he often talked about. He was proud to be a Christie. I am sending condolences this way because I don't drive at night any more. May God comfort all of you at this time. Sincerely, Linda Sutton

LINDA SUTTON, DECEMBER 27, 2017

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