



Arthur Monroe Henson

November 18, 1928 - May 9, 2022

Arthur Monroe Henson born in Hog Creek Bottom, Milam County, Texas on November 18, 1928 to Archie L. and Myrtle A. Henson passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on May 9, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers and a sister. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Barbara Ann Clark Henson, three children: Fred A. Henson (wife, Elizabeth), Jeanne Marie (Henson) Thames (husband, Buddy) and David C. Henson (wife, Darlene). They also have 6 grandchildren: Paula Jeanne (Thames) Russell (husband Billy), Paul Damon Thames (wife Marcie), Stefanie Erin Maslowski (husband Nick), Rebecca Carol Moutray (husband Chris), Rachel Ann Henson, and Justin McClain Henson (wife D'Lynn). His legacy lives on in 10 great-grandchildren: Zane, Jace and Blake Russell, Micah, Claire and Paul Henson Thames, Erin & Kaylee McKinney, Jacob Hull and Hardy McClain Henson. He is also survived by two sisters, Edith Lucille Hull and Peggy Ann Hamilton.

He graduated from Rosebud High School in 1945 and began a stellar career with the Southern Pacific Railroad at Six Shooter Junction (Hempstead) as a Telegrapher. He ended his 47 year career as Vice President of Transportation for the entire 15,000 miles of Southern Pacific Lines across 15 states. After retirement he moved to Madisonville where his father was born in 1897. After settling in Madisonville he co-founded Henson Family Dealerships with his oldest son, Fred. At the young age of 76, Art was elected to serve two terms

as County Judge of Madison County retiring in 2014. Art was heavily involved in community service in Madison County including Chairman of the Rodeo Committee of Madison County Fair Association, Past President of Oak Ridge Country Club and Past President of Chamber of Commerce Madisonville. In 2001 he was named Outstanding Citizen of Madisonville. He was also an avid supporter of the Madisonville FFA Chapter. Additionally, Art enjoyed farming and ranching for more than 25 years.

Visitation to be held Thursday, May 12, 2022 5-7 pm. Funeral services Friday, May 13, 2022 at 10:00 am, both at First Baptist Church Madisonville. Graveside services immediately following at Allphin Cemetery, Midway, Texas. Donations can be sent to Samaritan's Purse.

Cemetery Details

Allphin Cemetery

Midway , TX

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
300 South Elm St
Madisonville, TX 77864

Service

MAY 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

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300 South Elm St
Madisonville, TX 77864

Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Arthur Monroe Henson.*



May 20, 2022 at 12:03 PM



“ *Our sincerest condolences for family and friends during this time.*

North Zulch Vol. Fire Dept. & Auxiliary - May 12, 2022 at 08:44 PM



“ *Art was a thoughtful, intelligent and fair boss. He was very dedicated and instilled a sense of that dedication in his staff. Working for Art was a pleasure. We affectionately referred to him as "The Silver Fox". Always thinking ahead and keeping us "youngsters" out of trouble! Condolences to Barbara and the family. Doug Wills*

Douglas Wills - May 12, 2022 at 03:57 PM

RB

“ Art was a mentoring presence in the lives of many Southern Pacific folks, including mine. In addition to his credibility throughout the organization, he was patient and a good listener. Then, when it came time for him to send a message it was always well communicated and reflected his standards. He had high standards with respect to treatment of all people inside and outside of the SP team. Those standards were consistent and the principal basis of the tremendous respect he held throughout the railroad. He also had high standards of performance of railroad operations. He held himself and his team to those standards. These leadership qualities are what took him from the position of relief operator to that of VP-Transportation. He will be remembered as much more than a boss or executive by those who worked with him.

The photo shows Art seated next to the big window of an inspection train on his last honorary inspection of the railroad in West Texas in 2018.



Rollin Bredenberg - May 12, 2022 at 01:21 PM

CW

“ When the Henson Family moved to Madison County, the entire family immediately engaged in the business, social, and church organizations in the community. Art Henson became recognized as a leader and cornerstone in every endeavor in which he took part. Mr. Henson was recognized as a Christian from his life style, his speech, and his desire to help people. During his terms as Madison County Judge, I never heard anyone speak against Judge Henson's efforts to improve all aspects of the county's businesses, educational, or social programs in the community. Mr. Henson positively supported the youth organizations and programs in the county. His presence and influence will be greatly missed by all. God Bless the entire Henson Family in this time of loss.
Colvin and Sandra Walker



Colvin Walker - May 11, 2022 at 02:03 PM

JC

“ When Courtney and I moved to Madisonville, Judge Henson was County Judge, so I always knew him as “Judge”. He immediately accepted me with open arms as an “outsider” to Madison County. I always enjoyed my conversations with him and the knowledge he would undoubtedly pass on to me if I was truly listening. He had a true connection with Courtney and his face would always “light up” when he saw her. I am so thankful for the kindness and generosity he always shared with our family. Most importantly, I am so thankful that he has been welcomed with open arms to Father God’s kingdom.

—Jake Cain

Jake Cain - May 11, 2022 at 12:26 PM

DV

“ This man was the best. Learned a lot from him during my entire railroad career. He was a great boss,, a great friend, and a great teacher, not only for railroading, but, about life. He was like a second father to all train dispatchers. He will be missed. Condolences to and prayers for the family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Donald Vincent - May 11, 2022 at 10:44 AM

CB

“ A life well lived. A true Christian gentleman. RIP Art Henson.

Clifford Barnett - May 11, 2022 at 09:23 AM

WB

“ Art was a great boss and a better friend. Worked with him in the seventies and several times after that in Houston and San Antonio. My condolences and prayers to his wife Barbara and his family. Bill (and Judy) Baros, New Braunfels, TX

William O. Baros - May 10, 2022 at 10:59 PM

SS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Stuart Schroeder - May 10, 2022 at 10:30 PM

SS

“ Henson family, I am so sorry for the loss of Art. He was a good man and a fine railroader. He will be missed.

Stuart L Schroeder - May 10, 2022 at 10:26 PM

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Stuart L Schroeder - May 10, 2022 at 10:24 PM

AC

“ Art was a fine Christian man and was a great brother in law. Much love and prayers for Fred, Jeane Marie, David and their families and such a special sister Barbara!! Thinking of all of you at this time.
Alma Clark

Alma Clark - May 10, 2022 at 06:20 PM

CC

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. We are keeping your family in our prayers.

Cindy and Charlene - May 10, 2022 at 05:06 PM

JW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mr. Art was a wonderful man and was thought of with love and high regard by us all. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.



Janice and Jerry West - May 10, 2022 at 01:21 PM

SP

“ Condolences to the Henson family on the loss of Mr. Art He was one of my mentors that I would seek out when I needed some sound advice on a situation or just wanted to visit to see how he and GG was doing and ketchup on what was the latest. He was never unfair, always had a minute to say hi, a kinder man you want find....we will truly miss you sir!!

Sharon Phelps - May 10, 2022 at 12:45 PM