



Robert "Bob" Melanson

September 24, 1935 - January 21, 2012

J. Robert "Bob" Melanson passed away January 21, 2012 at the age of 76. He was born on September 24, 1935 in Houston to the late Robert and Christine White Melanson. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Diana Riedel Melanson of El Campo, son David Riedel Melanson of Fulshear, daughter Julie Melanson Fuechec and husband Jeff of El Campo, and grandchildren Molly Melanson, Taylor, Grant and Mason Fuechec.

Mr. Melanson was a Director and Officer of Commercial State Bank of El Campo since 1961, and was elected as President and CEO from 1984 until 2005. He served as Director and Officer of City State Bank of Palacios and Director of Bay City Bank and Trust Company of Bay City from 1968 until 1974. He was the Owner, Director, Secretary-Treasurer of Ranch Radio Inc. from 1964 -1993.

During his children's school years, he worked with Little League Baseball as an assistant Coach and Umpire and served on the Board of St. Philip Catholic School. He was also a member of the Rotary Club of El Campo, serving as Secretary in 1976 and President in 1981.

Mr. Melanson was a long time member and supporter of Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of Brahman District Committee and a member of the Order of the Arrow for 50 years and served as the Chairman Brahman

District Sam Houston Area Council "Friends of Scouting" Drive from 1984 -86 and again in 1993. He earned several awards in scouting including the Scouter's Training Award, District Award of Merit (Brahmin) and in 1984 he received the Silver Beaver.

Other organizations that he served includes West Wharton County United Fund Drive Chairman, past-president of Wharton County United Way, past-president of Wharton County Shriners, past chairman of Wharton County Visiting Nurse Association, and past chairman of Wharton County Youth Rodeo Parade, and had participated in the Men's Walk to EMMAUS.

He was honored for his many years of community service in 2005 when he was named El Campo Citizen of the Year.

His many hobbies included woodcarving, and collecting commemorative guns and U. S. old "Saddle Blanketed" paper money.

Visitation will begin 12:00 noon Wednesday at Triska Funeral Home, with the family receiving friends from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Funeral services will be held 10:00 am Thursday, January 26, 2012, at the First Baptist Church of El Campo with Rev. Rick DuBroc officiating. Interment will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers are Jimmy Sanders, Ed Sacco, Clay Wilkens, J. C. Bouse, Anthony Cisneros, Junior Garcia.

Honorary Bearers are Don Zwernemann, Eddie Pool, John Moritz, Tom McDade, Jack Rapp, David Wendt, Elray Matzke, Jim Sebesta, and Josh McCown.

Memorial donations in memory J. Robert Melanson may be made to First

Baptist Church 206 Depot, El Campo, TX 77437, Boy Scouts of America, or
A-Med Hospice 3535 Briar Park Drive, Houston, TX 77042.

Tribute Wall

RF

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy. I had the pleasure of doing business with Bob when I was affiliated with Clarke & Courts Printing Company. I always enjoyed working with him at Commercial State Bank. He was a man of integrity and I treasure the friendship we had.

Sincerely,
Roger Winkelmann

Roger Winkelmann - Brenham, TX - Friend - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ David,

Sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. God Bless

Debbie Valdez Luedecke

Debbie Valdez Luedecke - Austin, TX - Classmate of David - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are saddened by the passing of Bob and our sympathy goes to you Diana, David and Julie and the rest of your family!

We pray God's presence in the coming days of adjusting to life without his bodily presence! And that the Spirit of God will hold you under his sheltering wings and give you comfort and peace.

Bob was very kind to our family over our life in El Campo. He was supportive of Joe in his job as superintendent. And honored us with his care when Rachel was in need of some special care. He was instrumental in getting that help at Shrine Hospitals. I believe she still has her leg today because of his efforts to get her where they knew what to do for her bones. We appreciate that act of love and kindness all those years ago.

*In God's Love
Joe and Denise*

Joe and Denise Thedford - Elgin, TX - Acquaintance of the Family - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Although we met Bob through banking many years ago and Linda knew him as a parent of her students in El Campo, it was just in the last ten years that we got to know the man he truly was. We were blessed to be able to be a sister and brother in Christ to a man who mirrored the image of Jesus in his life. We pray for the family. Bob will be missed by many in this county.

Mike and Linda Alderson - Louise, TX - January 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Bob was such a great man and did so much for so many. We will never forget how welcome he made us feel when we moved into the community over 20 years ago. And he always took the time to sit down and tell one of his many stories (mostly about his woodcarving experiences!). He was so proud of his family, too. And rightfully so. He will be sorely missed. It was an honor to know him, and to call him friend.

Rick, Keri, Cade & Matthew Graff - El Campo, TX - friend - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Melanson Family,

You are all in our prayers. Your family holds a special place in our hearts.

We are praying that God holds you close and that your hearts and minds are filled with wonderful memories.

*Love and Prayers,
Dyke and Susan Rasco*

Susan and Dyke Rasco - Tomball, TX - Friend - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ We are sorry for your loss, and send our deepest sympathies. It was a pleasure to have met Bob, and we enjoyed the brief time we shared with him.

*In sorrow,
Bill & Bobbi Hull*

Bill and Bobbi Hull - Houston, TX - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ So sorry for you loss. My condolences to the family.

Rae Ann Johnson - El Campo, TX - Friend - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ My condolences to the Melanson family. Such a true community leader and great family man. So sorry for your loss.

Lana Jennings Benedict - El Campo, TX - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I will truly miss seeing Bob at First Baptist Church esp on Sunday mornings prior to service. He was a fine Christian man who I have much respect for.

One of my fondest memories is when I was in high school and he invited me to Rotary. What a great experience.

Another memory was from when I was around 18 or 19 yrs old and wanted a loan to take over payments on a 1975 AMC Gremlin. My first car! Bob told me to fill out papers to register to vote and he would give me the loan. So I did and have been voting since. He helped make me a responsible citizen of El Campo, Texas, and the United States.

Thank you Bob!

God bless you Diana, Julie, Jeff, Taylor, Grant, Mason, David, Kim, and Molly! May He give you comfort during this time and years to come!

Terry Rutherford - El Campo, TX - Friend - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I have several fond memories of Mr. Melanson, but the one I will miss is every morning he walk by our desk and in very high spirits tell us Good Morning. It just to always seem to make my day.

Mr. Melanson will be missed.

Anita Anderson

Anita Anderson - El Campo , TX - Employee and Friend - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Melanson Family,
Please accept our sincere sympathy in the loss of your loved one. He was a fine man who never met a stranger. He always spoke to us whenever we met him. I ask our Lord to give your family the peace and strength to need as you mourn your great loss. May our Lord wrap all of you in His arms and comfort you.

*With sympathy,
Diana and Phil Huvar*

Diana and Phil Huvar - El Campo, TX - Friend - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you all and sending prayers.

Scooter and Sherry Pietsch

Scooter and Sherry Pietsch - El Campo, TX - Family Friend - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ We will miss his kindness, thoughtfulness and sense of humor, and we will miss our annual get-togethers.
Cousins Betty and Richard Troxell

Cousin Betty and Richard Troxell - Fredericksburg, TX - Cousin - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Mr. Melanson had a very special place in my heart . When my son was about 8, about 19 years ago, Mr. Melanson gave up his time to teach my son and his den of Cub Scouts to carve a object. They all had his carving knives and whittled away without any blood six weeks later. The boys all ended up with their carved dogs. He had such patience with them all . I will miss you my friend.
Terry Downing Martin :) :)

Terry Downing Martin - El Campo, TX - Friend - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Mr. M was the best boss ever! I loved working for him at CSB for more than 30 years.....he was good to all the employees and our families. He will truly be missed....my prayers are with the Melanson family.

Debbie Hrcir - El Campo, TX - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Melanson family at this difficult time. Bob was a true gentleman and a friend to all citizens of El Campo. Please accept our sympathy.

Larry & Lisa Wilson - El Campo, TX - Friend - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Melanson Family during this time of memories and need. I am there for my frineds and Bob and the Melanson family are truly my friends. Bob was a big part of a good relationship I had with the bank.*

John Moritz - Houston, TX - Family friend - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM