



**GALE SEVERNE  
MERRIWETHER**

Mr. Gale Severne Merriwether, age 68 of Houston County, passed away Thursday, September 13, 2007. Mr. Merriwether was born September 5, 1939 to George and Vivian Starling Merriwether. Mr. Merriwether graduated from Crockett High School in Crockett and he attended Texas A&M University. Mr. Merriwether spent over 36 years as an oil and gas consultant and 7 years with the Texas department of Correction working at the Ferguson Unit in Madisonville.

Mr. Merriwether was a lifetime member of the Houston Live Stock Show and Rodeo working in the Donkey and Mule Committee and was a member of the Gulf Coast Donkey and Mule Association. In most recent years he was a very active member of the

Lone Star Dutch Oven Society (LSDOS) in which he was past president and past chapter advisor of the Saltgrass Chapter. The local Tejas Chapter was organized and greatly supported by Mr. Merriwether.

Mr. Merriwether just recently started the Sam Houston Chapter LSDOS in the Huntsville and Conroe area. This organization is dedicated to the education and perpetuation of the art of Dutch Oven Cooking, he worked closely with the boy and girl scouts helping them learn the art of Dutch Oven cooking. Mr. Merriwether was a driving force in getting the Dutch Oven declared the official cooking implement of Texas.

Survivors include his beloved wife Mary D. Merriwether; daughter Cynthia A. Bonario; son Gale S. Merriwether; two step-daughters Denise (Mark) Ferguson, Dawn (Travis) Simpson; step-son Clint (Jennifer) Bolen; two granddaughters; great-grandson; nine step-grandchildren; sister Kayla (A.C.) Rabal; sister-in-law Pat Merriwether; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents George and Vivian Starling Merriwether; and brother George Willis Merriwether, Jr.

Graveside Services for Mr. Gale Severne Merriwether will be held Saturday, September 22, at 3:00 p.m. at Conner Cemetery in Ratcliff.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity in Mr. Merriwether's name.

**Madisonville Funeral Home**