



Murray Herbert
Hoffer

November 24, 1925 - April 26, 2017

The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the
path of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies.
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life; and I
will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



Murray Herbert Hoffer, 91, passed away Wednesday, April 26, 2017. Known by many names in his life (Murray, Dad, Grandpa, Uncle Muddy, and Pops), Murray was born on November 24, 1925 in Beaumont, Texas, to Sarah and Charles Hoffer. He lived his entire life in Beaumont, save his time in college and the two years he served in the U.S. Army during World War II, where his knack for entrepreneurship began to take an early hold. Murray once proudly told his family that he nearly doubled

his U.S. Military salary in just two years by buying cigarettes and fine liqueur from the Base PX and selling it to civilians for a tidy profit.

Once he returned from WWII, Murray joined his father, Charles, in the family business, and they worked alongside his father for decades, making sure that the fine menswear retailer “Chas Hoffer & Co.” – once dubbed the biggest little store in Texas – had what their customers demanded. At one time, Hoffer’s boasted four locations spanning two states, but the Gaylynn Center store became the largest of the chain. Florsheim, Haggar, Munsingwear, Izod, Lacoste or even the one of a kind welder’s caps – you name it, they had it, or would break their back to get it for you.

While a suave single gentleman, Murray loved to travel, making frequent trips to New Orleans, Miami and Palm Springs. One fateful night, he met Florence Arlene Hoffer, and after tying the knot in New Orleans, Murray and Arlene had three children together. Stephen came along in 1960, followed nine years later by the twins, Stephanie and Stewart. Murray loved his kids more than anything, and he made sure that his kids always knew it, with his famous slobbery kisses. Though Murray worked six days a week, he made sure that he spent time with his kids. Coaching little league, birthday trips to the Astrodome for Astros games followed by Astroworld, and frequent trips to Galveston’s Stewart Beach are fond memories.

Murray retired from the retail industry in 1992, and turned his attention to his first love – his family. Though he was a great father, he was even better as a Grandpa, making sure that his grandchildren (and his daughter-in-law Shannon) got their birthday checks and Hanukkah “gelt” on time, every year, coupled with the infamous slobbery kisses.

Murray was a loyal friend to many through his life. Known by many as the most selfless person they’d ever met, Murray made time to visit his friends as they made their journey through their waning years. He would take them to dinner and visit them in the hospital. Murray was a fun loving guy, gregarious, kind and personable, even in his last days. If you needed support, Murray was behind you; if you need protection, he was in front of you; if you needed friendship, he stood firmly beside you.

Murray is survived by his son, Stephen Hoffer; daughter, Stephanie Hoffer Palma; son, Stewart Hoffer and his wife, Shannon; the mother of his children, Arlene Hoffer; brother, E.J. “Jodie” Hoffer and wife Maryann; brother Barry Hoffer and his wife, Linda; sister-in-law, Relda Finger Hoffer, and his grandchildren, Blake, Paige, Charlie and Sam, along with cousins, nieces and nephews.



Mourner's Kaddish

קדיש יתום

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֶלְמָא דִּי בְרָא
כְּרַעוּתֵיהּ, וְיִמְלִיךָ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיֵּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן
וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל. בְּעֶגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב
וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Yit-ga-dal v'yit-ka-dash sh'mei ra-ba. B'al-ma di-v'ra
chi-ru-tei, v'yam-lich mal-chu-tei b'chai-yei-chon
u-v'yo-mei-chon u-v'chai-yei d'chol beit Yis-ra-eil, ba-a-ga-la
u-viz-man ka-riv, v'i-m'ru: A-mein.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלַם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא:

Y'hei sh'mei ra-ba m'va-rach l'a-lam ul'al-mei al-mai-ya.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא
וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא בְרִיךְ הוּא
לְעֵלָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא, תְּשַׁבְּחַתָּא
וְנַחֲמַתָּא, דְאִמְרוּן בְּעֶלְמָא, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Yit-ba-rach v'yish-ta-bach v'yit-pa-ar v'yit-ro-mam
v'yit-na-sei, v'yit-ha-dar v'yit-a-leh v'yit-ha-lal sh'mei
d'ku-d'sha, b'rich hu. L'ei-la min kol bir-cha-ta v'shi-ra-ta,
toosh-b'cha-ta v'ne-che-ma-ta da-a-mi-ran b'a-l'ma, v'i-m'ru:
A-mein.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל
יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Y'hei sh'la-ma ra-ba min sh'ma-ya v'cha-yim a-lei-nu v'al kol
Yis-ra-eil, v'i-m'ru: A-mein.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל
כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

O-seh sha-lom bim-ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom a-lei-nu
v'al kol Yis-ra-eil, v'i-m'ru: A-mein.

Mourner's Kaddish English Translation

Glorified and sanctified be God's great name throughout the world which He has created according to His will. May He establish His kingdom in your lifetime and during your days, and within the life of the entire House of Israel, speedily and soon; and say, Amen.

May His great name be blessed forever and to all eternity.

Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, extolled and honored, adored and lauded be the name of the Holy One, blessed be He, beyond all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that are ever spoken in the world; and say, Amen.

May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and for all Israel; and say, Amen.

He who creates peace in His celestial heights, may He create peace for us and for all Israel; and say, Amen.

Interment
Kol Israel Cemetery
Beaumont, Texas

*All are invited to a gathering at Katherine & Co.,
1495 Calder Avenue, Beaumont immediately following his burial.*

Memorial Contributions
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Beaumont, TX 77701

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