



## Alan Thornton Heck

June 18, 1929 - October 18, 2014

Services for Alan T. Heck, 85, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014, at 10:30 AM at Highland Presbyterian Church with Rev. Scott Mackey and Rev. David Smith officiating.

Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Heck passed away Saturday, October 18, 2014 in Tyler.

He was born June 18, 1929 in Huntington, West Virginia to Ralph L. and Gladys Dean Heck.

Alan graduated from Ashland Kentucky High School in 1946. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati, in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1951, with a BS in civil engineering. He worked as a mid-manager oil engineer with Howe-Baker Engineers, retiring after 33 years with the Company.

Mr. Heck was a member and elder of Highland Presbyterian Church and sang in the choir. He was also a member of Briarwood Country Club and participated in the Cascades and Seniors MGA.

Alan was preceded in death by his parents and uncle, John E. Heck.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 61 years, Joan M.

Lanzillotta Heck; children Holly Anne Harrell and husband Hubert and Michael Allen Heck and wife Cheryl; grandchildren, Joanne Brown, Crystal L. Ames and husband Daniel Jessie Heck, and Madison Heck; step-grandchildren Brian Harrell and wife Nikki and Andrea Chvatal and husband James; great-granddaughter Rowan Noel Ames; step-great-grandchildren Irene and Grace

Harrell, and Travis and Avery Chvatal; nieces Karen Stewart, Jonnie Doerrenscharid and husband Larry, and Karen, Kathy and Debbie Schultz; and

Pallbearers will be Joe Murad, Gene Diedrich, Hubert Harrell, Jerry Ragan, Lonnie Anderson, Kirby Quirk and Michael Heck.

Honorary pallbearers will be Louis McCormick, John Kolb, Ken Cuvelier, Bill Chapman, Mike Ragan, Gary Mecham, Gene Jeffers, Gene Oller and Dr. Ben Bridges.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 –7:00 PM on Friday, October 24, 2014 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to Highland Presbyterian Church, 3101 Paluxy Dr., Tyler, TX 75701.

# Cemetery Details

## Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

OCT **25**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Highland Presbyterian Church  
3101 Paluxy Dr.  
Tyler, TX 75701

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Carroll & Louise Brown purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Alan Thornton Heck.*



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**Carroll & Louise Brown** - October 24, 2014 at 11:16 AM

CB

“ *Our loss on Earth is gain in Heaven. This Christmas, there will be one more great voice in Heaven's choir singing "O Night Divine" to our Lord Jesus.*

*We hope that Mrs. Heck and family will find some comfort and peace in that certainty, until we see him again.*

*Carroll & Louise Brown*

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**Carroll Brown** - October 24, 2014 at 11:07 AM

GL

“ *Holly,  
Our love and prayers are with you and your family during this time.  
May the peace of God surround you and His strength carry you.  
Take comfort in the wonderful memories you have.*

*Love,  
Les & Gloria Lastinger*

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**Gloria Lastinger** - October 23, 2014 at 05:30 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Alan Thornton Heck.*



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October 23, 2014 at 05:27 PM



“ *Splendid Orchids was purchased for the family of Alan Thornton Heck.*



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October 23, 2014 at 03:49 PM



“ *Holly,*

*I hope you and your family are doing ok. It has been a long year and nice to know his suffering is over and his room in heaven was ready. Even in knowing that, the pain is real for family and friends. My prayers are with you all during this time. Enjoy and rejoice in the memories.*

*Love,*

*Cindy*

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**Cindy** - October 23, 2014 at 03:33 PM

CJ

“ *Holly , I know your father will be missed. Please take comfort in our thoughts and prayers for you and all of your family. Charlotte and Bill Jones*

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**Charlotte Jones** - October 23, 2014 at 02:56 PM

JT

“ *JANET, CATHERINE, & TRUDY purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Alan Thornton Heck.*



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**JANET, CATHERINE, & TRUDY** - October 23, 2014 at 09:07 AM

DP

“ *Holly, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*David Prichard*

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**David Prichard** - October 23, 2014 at 08:31 AM

JD

“ *I loved my Uncle Alan. He and I shared a love of singing and hurting family members ears. :) He had such a great sense of humor. You could see the smart remark coming in the twinkle in his eye before it came out. He loved and cared for Joan and his family and I know the loss will be so hard. I'm so grateful for Jesus giving us a way to see him again. See you soon, Alan!*

*Jonni Doeppenschmidt*

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**Jonni Doeppenschmidt** - October 23, 2014 at 08:12 AM

MR

“ I remember Alan singing with us in the church choir at Highland Presbyterian Church. He was a joy to be around. We will miss him but will remember him fondly.

*Mike and Dorothy Ragan*

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**Mike and Dorothy Ragan** - October 22, 2014 at 12:12 PM

HH

“ Alan was and is my father-in-law...he was always kind and considerate to all who crossed his path in life..i met him 9 years, 10 months, and 1 week ago and do not think i ever heard an unkind word out of him..he was a great husband to my mother-in-law and a wonderful father to holly and michael..he was gentle with his words and loving to all who he knew..he had a wonderful voice so he sang in his church on sundays until he could not attend anymore..he even sang in our wedding..Alan is in a better place now..singing to OUR GOD..rest in peace my friend..

*hubert harrell...husband of holly*

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**hubert harrell--husband of holly** - October 22, 2014 at 09:31 AM

KB

“ Holly, so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.

*Kathryn Carney Blalock*

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**Kathryn Carney Blalock** - October 21, 2014 at 09:24 PM

SK

“ Joan, I want you to know that you and your family are in my heart and prayers. Sybil Kleam

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**Sybil. Kleam** - October 21, 2014 at 10:04 AM

HH

“ *My dad was a kind, living and gentle man and I was blessed to have him as my father- thanks dad for always having my back- I love you and miss you*  
*Holly*

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**Holly Harrell** - October 20, 2014 at 03:06 PM

BW

“ *Remembering Alan is a pleasure. I will always remember his happy laugh, big heart, and caring nature. I am thankful for having known him. I am confident he is now pain free and with his heavenly father. I offer my condolences, love, and respect to Joan and family.*  
*Brenda Waterman*

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**Brenda Waterman** - October 20, 2014 at 10:13 AM