



## Alex C. Tapp Jr.

July 15, 1937 - October 11, 2023

Services for Alex C. Tapp Jr., 86, of Flint, will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Dr. Steve Lyon officiating. Entombment will be at Cathedral in the Pines Mausoleum in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Alex, also known as Sonny or A.C., passed away Wednesday, October 11, 2023, in Flint. He was born on July 15, 1937, in Decatur to Hazel Lorene Etheridge Tapp and Alex Cleburne Tapp Sr.

He grew up in Grand Prairie, Texas, and attended Grand Prairie High School, where he served as head drum major. He later proudly served in the U.S. Army 8th Infantry Division and studied at the Army Element of the U.S. Naval School of Music. After his military service, he attended Arlington State College (Tarrant County Junior College).

Following his military service, he worked for Retail Credit Union and later worked as a sales representative for more than 20 years with Grainger, Inc. For much of his life, he served as a bivocational music director at various Baptist churches, faithfully leading congregations in worship each Sunday.

Those who knew him will remember him for his passion for music and his rich and mellow singing voice. He devoted his time to serving the Lord with his

music. Throughout the years, he sang in several Christian singing groups, with the most recent being The Singing Men of East Texas. He served as an interim music director for several churches and occasionally led the music for church revivals. He found great joy in singing for the precious residents of nursing homes.

Above all, his favorite role was as “Papa” to his five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Alex was preceded in death by his mother and father; his sisters, Bobbie Jean Tapp Hill and Melba Joyce Tapp Newman; and his brother, Jerry Lee Tapp.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Bernice McKinney Tapp; daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela and Jerry Kuechle and Ronda and Byron Utz; grandchildren, Aimee Kuechle Hill, Alden Utz, Mallory Kuechle Simmons, Alex Utz, and Julian Utz; and two great-grandchildren, Abigail Simmons, and Cooper Simmons.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Kuechle, Byron Utz, Alden Utz, Julian Utz, Keith Hill, and Micah Simmons.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2023, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to Hope Haven of East Texas, 218 N. College Ave., Tyler, TX 75702 ([www.hhofet.org](http://www.hhofet.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Cathedral in the Pines Mausoleum

7825 South Broadway Ave.  
Tyler, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

OCT 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alex C. Tapp Jr.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - October 14, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alex C. Tapp Jr..



October 16, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ So saddened to learn of the passing of this sweet dear friend. He and my daughter Amanda sang together many times and I still have one of the CD's they made together. I'm sure the two of them are singing together right now in the presence of The Lord.

Joanne Williams - October 16, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - October 16, 2023 at 12:21 PM

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“ 4 Way Cafe Employees and Family purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Alex C. Tapp Jr..



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**4 Way Cafe Employees and Family** - October 16, 2023 at 10:55 AM

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“ I will never forget when I was young when Uncle Sonny and Uncle Jerry would get into a wrestle in the front room of Nanny and Grandpa's house in Grand Prairie and watch as Nanny would chase them with a fly swatter trying to get them to stop. Too funny. Love to both my uncles. You were so blessed with faith, family, and the love they gave.

*RIP*

*Sharon Hill Shipley*

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**Sharon Hill Shipley** - October 14, 2023 at 07:11 PM

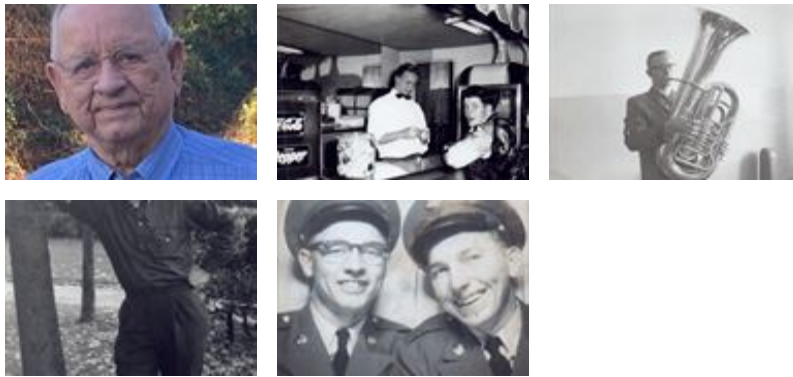
MG

“ Alex was such a wonderful help - when I worked at All Saints - I will never forget him helping with microphones to see children had the best - and this was in the 80s. I will never forget his helpfulness in any music event. RIP Alex 🙏

Mary Gammell - October 14, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ 62 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - October 14, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Alex C. Tapp Jr..



October 13, 2023 at 06:57 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about my friend, Alex. I loved to hear him sing, enjoyed accompanying him on the piano, and singing a duet with him. He will be missed! Prayers for Bernice and all of his family.

Carleta Cates - October 13, 2023 at 02:43 PM

PK

*Thank you Carleta. My daddy held you in very high regard as a pianist, soloist but most of all friend. Thank you for your kind words.*

**Pam Kuechle** - October 13, 2023 at 08:02 PM

TF

“ *The Bank of Texas Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alex c. Tapp Jr..*

**The Bank of Texas Family** - October 13, 2023 at 12:29 PM

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“ *The Bank of Texas Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Alex C. Tapp Jr..*



**The Bank of Texas Family** - October 13, 2023 at 12:29 PM