



Ben Harned IV

May 29, 1960 - July 25, 2013

Services for Ben Harned, IV, 53, of Tyler/Amarillo will be held Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Tyler with Revs. Todd Cooper of St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Gil Lain of Paramount Baptist Church of Amarillo officiating. Burial will follow in Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Harned passed away in an aircraft accident on July 25, 2013, in Amarillo, Texas.

Ben Harned, IV was born May 29, 1960 in Tyler, Texas to Margaret Katherine Dunn Harned and Ben Harned, III. His mother served as the catering manager at the Women's Building in Tyler as well as an interior decorator, and his father served as ship's doctor and pharmacist and is interred at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery.

Mr. Harned was a graduate of Tyler Junior College with an Associate's Degree of Science in Petroleum Technology which took him across the world to the deserts of Saudi Arabia where at the age of 21 he supervised crews of 30 men on over ten off-shore drilling rigs. Mr. Harned traveled throughout the Middle East, Europe and the United States and eventually found his way back to his native home of Texas where he always considered Tyler his home. He spent many years in the panhandle owning and operating over ten automotive dealerships; he served as CEO of Payless Car Sales, the largest used car company in the U.S. at the time, and was a long time associate of Manheim

Auto Auction. He was honored to be the keynote speaker at the National Automotive Dealers' Association in Las Vegas, Nevada, served on the Borger City Council and played a major role in developing and constructing public works programs for the community including a women's shelter and a baseball field. He won the Golden Nail Award several times for his support of the local arts community as well as many other sales and dealership awards. Mr. Harned was a strong advocate for or a member of numerous organizations such as Boy Scouts of America, Kiwanis Club, Special Olympics, Kids, Inc., Camp Tyler, Tyler Ski Club, and the Texas Adaptive Aquatics.

Mr. Harned was a life-time pilot having first served in Civil Air Patrol of Tyler (formerly the Tyler Composite Squadron) at the age of 12. He earned his pilot's license early on and had logged over 600 hours of flight time. He was passionate about aviation and had begun to pursue his commercial license. Mr. Harned grew up a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Tyler, returning home again in 2012. Concurrently, he was an active member of Paramount Baptist Church of Amarillo for over 10 years, with Rev. Gil Lain having baptized Ben, Tyler and Caitlyn in 2004. He adamantly believed that churches and their members were meant to be an extension of God's hand with the true purpose of serving others.

Ben was a business man, an entrepreneur, a philanthropist, a loving father and husband, and a genuine friend to all.

Mr. Harned was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ben and Eunice Harned II, Charles and Vera Faye Wilkins Dunn, his father, Ben Harned, III, his mother, Margaret K. Harned, his sister Ann Hooley, and his great-nephew, Joshua Harman.

He is survived by his wife of one year, Lisa Amerine Harned of Tyler; his children, Ben Tyler Harned, V of Tyler and Caitlyn Emma Harned of Austin; his sister, Jan Knoepfel, partner Harry Hall and son Mark Whitcomb and grandson Jacob, all of Plano; his niece Melissa Noble, husband Steve and children Spencer, Breanna, and Chance Noble all of Rowlett; his nephew Chris Whitcomb and wife Wendy and children, Sandi Fay, and Casey all of

Allen; his niece Melanie Hooley McDade, partner Keith McCommas and son Cordell Fowler of Flint.

Pallbearers will be Pat Everett, George Ward, Ben Conner, Jamie Noguess, Jerry Townsend, Chris Whitcomb, Steve Noble and B.J. McClenan.

Honorary pallbearers will be Kenny Greear, Levi Noguess, Kurt Lester and Kip Lester.

Visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 2013 from 6 to 7 PM with a memorial service following, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler. You can follow the visitation/memorial service via online webcast by following the link <http://app.eventbywire.com/viewevent/?id=021-493>.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in honor of Ben Harned, IV may be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 215 S. Clayton, Tyler, 75702; Camp Tyler Foundation, P.O. Box 1916, Whitehouse, 75791- 1916; Lupus Foundation of America Inc., P.O. Box 418629, Boston, MA., 02241-8629; or Azleway Charter School, 15892 CR 26, Tyler, 75707.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

AUG 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul UMC
215 S. Clayton
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall

GD

“ *Guita and Cy Daneshfar purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Ben Harned IV.*



Guita and Cy Daneshfar - July 31, 2013 at 01:54 AM

BL

“ *Barry & Charity Lee lit a candle in memory of Ben Harned IV*



Barry & Charity Lee - July 30, 2013 at 10:06 PM

CH

Lisa, Tyler, & Caitlyn,

Ben was loved by so many and he had a heart of gold. No matter where he was or what he was doing he was always there to lend a helping hand. He was so passionate about the people he cared the most about. Lisa, the weekend he met you...I had never seen him smile more. It was as though the two of you had known each other forever. Seeing the smile on his face and laughter in his heart made Barry and I so happy. Tyler and Caitlyn...your dad couldn't have been more proud of you both. Each one of you have his desire to live life to the fullest and taught both of you that being happy means doing things for those less fortunate in this world.

Ben...we will miss you terribly. The memories that we have of our lake trips and the one motorcycle trip (where you lost the only set of keys to a brand new motorcycle!!) will never be forgotten. You were a true blessing to everyone that had the privilege to know you and we will never know the number of lives that you touched just by the things you did and being the person that you were.

God obviously has great plans for you! I'm sure you have already heard..."Well done, Ben...Well done!

Lisa, Tyler, & Caitlyn...we love you!

We love you

Charity - July 30, 2013 at 10:21 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Ben Harned IV.*



July 30, 2013 at 04:52 PM

IL

“ *Irma Villanueva Lozano lit a candle in memory of Ben Harned IV*



Irma Villanueva Lozano - July 30, 2013 at 01:56 PM

DH

“ I remember Ben from High School and his infectious laugh. I'll always remember that! Was looking forward to seeing you again at our 35th Class Reunion, but I guess that will have to wait. Memory Eternal.

David Herren - July 30, 2013 at 01:15 PM

RR

“ We were buddies, Ben and Jerry they would say. I believe if we looked we had three sets of footprints in the sand, two sets when Ben carried me or when I carried him and yes one set when God carried us both. I will miss you my Friend, RIP Jerry Ripley


Rose Ripley - July 30, 2013 at 12:27 PM

DL

“ I was a former employee of Ben Harned. He was a loving and caring man. He was always there willing to listen to you if there were any issues. He was my mentor and told me, " Work hard and you will make something great for yourself". I still hear his voice telling me this daily. He will be missed. Prayers out to the family...

Dannylee LaMaack
Albuquerque NM

Dannylee LaMaack - July 30, 2013 at 11:38 AM

 Duella
Phelan
Nixon

“ Duella Phelan Nixon lit a candle in memory of Ben Harned IV



Duella Phelan Nixon - July 30, 2013 at 11:08 AM



Duella
Phelan

I worked for Ben at Harned Chevrolet, he will be greatly missed, My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Duella Phelan Nixon - July 30, 2013 at 11:11 AM

TC

“ Ben ,
*The memories are many . I'm so glad I had a chance in this lifetime to have you as my friend.You had a contagious smile and an invigorating energy .
RIP (you are missed by many)
Love, Tammy (Tammy Jo)*

Tammy Carpenter - July 30, 2013 at 11:00 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Ben Harned IV.*



July 30, 2013 at 08:44 AM

TM

“ *Sadly missed along life's way,
Quitely remembered everyday...
No longer in our life to share,
But in our hearts, you're always there.*



Ben loved life! I am proud to call him my friend. We go back all the way to grade school. Ben you will be truely missed.

Tammy Bush McKown - July 29, 2013 at 08:17 PM

Holly
McRae

“ *Though I never had the honor of meeting Ben, I work with his wife, Lisa, and she always spoke so lovingly about him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. God Bless.*



Holly McRae - July 29, 2013 at 06:09 PM

KB

“ *Keena Smith Brooks lit a candle in memory of Ben Harned IV*



Keena Smith Brooks - July 29, 2013 at 05:44 PM

TR

“ *Ben you were always a friend throughout high school and TJC. Your smile could bring a lot of sunshine into a room. Taken too soon but you will always be remembered as a great guy, a friend, and missed terribly.*

Tracey Rounsavall

Tracey Rounsavall - July 29, 2013 at 02:57 PM

MM

“ *Melanie Martin lit a candle in memory of Ben Harned IV*



melanie martin - July 29, 2013 at 02:43 PM

MG

“ Dear Ben, you had and still hold such a special place in all of our hearts. Like so many have already said, the life you lived, the love and care you gave was very effective and will continue to bare much fruit. You never met a soul who's life you didn't touch. Your heart felt energetic smile will be the image we see when we think of you. Oh my, we feel you left too soon! But God knows exactly what He is doing. I praise His Holy Name for the day He saved your soul. Because of His saving grace we get to see you again. Next time, there is no more departures. I love you dear friend. I look forward to the great reunion ! With much love, in Jesus name, Marla Cook Gilbreath

Marla Gilbreath - July 29, 2013 at 11:24 AM

IY

“ Ben you will be missed. Whenever I saw you, always happy and had exciting news happening in your life. Not many friends go to school together in Tyler for all 12 grades + TJC. You were always a dear friend.

Ingrid Sledge Young

Ingrid Sledge Young - July 29, 2013 at 08:31 AM

JH

“ Jerri Handy lit a candle in memory of Ben Harned IV



jerri handy - July 28, 2013 at 02:31 PM

PH

“ *Rest in peace Ben. What a wonderful person and a great guy.*

Phil Hicks - July 27, 2013 at 11:26 PM