



Calvin Millington

February 1, 1927 - February 26, 2015

Calvin Millington went to be with his Lord and Savior on February 26, 2015 in Tyler.

He was born in Tyler on February 1, 1927 to W.F. and Perla Mae Millington. He grew up in the Tyler's Liberty Hill Community and graduated from Tyler High School in 1944. After graduation he attended Texas A&M, where he was a member of the corps before serving in the United States Navy from 1946 until 1948. On October 8, 1946, he married his wife Hazel Marie Curry. They returned to Tyler in 1948 where he worked for Lasater and Barton Grocery. In 1953 he began his career as a home builder in Tyler, which expanded to a real estate business. One of his homes, in the Tanglewood Subdivision, was in the first Tyler Parade of Homes.

He was a member of First Baptist Church and in 1955 he and Hazel were a part of a missionary team that began a satellite church now known as Green Acres Baptist Church. There he was a deacon, where he served on numerous boards and committees, as well as helping to support other local churches in their growing ministries. In 1962 he brought his knowledge of business and building to East Texas Savings & Loan, where he served in positions as Treasurer, Improvement Loan Officer and Vice President. In 1980 he was promoted to the Mortgage Loan Department as a Senior Vice President and later Executive Vice President in 1981. He retired in 1982 as President of

ETSL Development Company. After retirement he and Hazel enjoyed their home in the mountains at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. In 1997 he again used his gifts and talents for building, and they left Green Acres to help begin the Woods Baptist Church, where they are currently members.

Calvin was a member of the Board of Directors of the East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, where he also served on the Finance Committee and was the recipient of the James B. Fisher Lifetime Achievement award, and named Board Member Emeritus after retiring from the Board. He is a past President of the Vine Street YMCA where he served on its board of directors. He has also been President of Tyler Kiwanis Club, the Home Builders' Association and chairman of the Parade of Homes.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Hazel Marie Millington on February 21, 2015, his parents; brother, Frank Millington; sister, Patsy Sherrod Filemyr; and grandson, Andrew Murphey. He is survived by his daughter, Jan Murphey and husband Shannon; son, John Millington and wife Patti; grandchildren, Amanda Wilkinson and husband Vince, Abigail Murphey, John C. Millington and Mariah Millington; great-grandsons, Anderson Murphey, Drake Antu and Elijah Wilkinson; niece, Lynnette Fewell; great niece, Julie Hobbs and her daughter, Taylor.

The family will have a private graveside service at Cathedral in the Pines with Dr. Paul Powell officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. A joint memorial service will be held on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Stewart Family Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701 or East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, 411 W. Front Street, Tyler, TX 75701.

The family would like to give special thanks to Lucille Hayter of Penny Rella Home Care for her excellent, compassionate care and support.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Mem. Service

MAR 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Jan & John & your family I want to express my sadness for the loss of your parents Calvin & Hazel . They were such wonderful people & parents to y'all ! Although we are all family we don't get together as much as we should . I did talk with Hazel not long ago & she filled me in on Calvin . I wanted to say I did have the previlige of working with my cousin Calvin at East Texas Savings & Loan & it was a true pleasure ! Prayers for your family & Love to All*
Darilou Millington Hardaway & Malcolm Hardaway

Darilou Millington Hardaway - March 02, 2015 at 01:42 PM

CH

“ *Charles And Frances Harrell lit a candle in memory of Calvin Millington*



Charles and Frances Harrell - March 01, 2015 at 03:42 PM

“ Calvin and Hazel Millington were the personification of Christian life. Many of us found that to be true when we worked together to help establish a new church, The Woods Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas. We found the Millingtons to be thoroughly dedicated, first to the Lord, and then to the task to which we all felt called.

There were many common activities which led us to become warm, personal friends: worship, planning, visiting, singing, etc. Some of us formed a choir, with Calvin often leading and singing solos. Calvin was always willing to share his business and organization skills.

Hazel became the president of the women's Sunday School class. On Sunday before prayer and serious matters, she always told a "funny," as she called it. Her enjoyment in telling the story was contagious, and her own laughter made us laugh more than the story did. Hazel's godliness, friendly warmth and sincere concern for everyone made our class name, "The LOVE Class," very appropriate.

After church on Sunday, the Millingtons, we, and usually others ate out together. We also had many shared meals in homes. Hazel was a worker, always being a perfect hostess or the number-one assistant.

When age and illness began to take its toll on many of us, Hazel and I continued to fellowship through daily phone calls. How I miss you, Hazel!

John and Jan, you and your mates and families have been marvelous in caring for Hazel and Calvin, demonstrating your love and appreciation for them and their good parenting as well as obeying God's instruction to honor your parents. We know you will continue to miss them very much but are thankful they no longer suffer, now having only joy and peace with God in heaven forever.

Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren, remember always that you are blessed by the Christian heritage Calvin and Hazel leave you. Try always as they did to honor the Lord Jesus Christ, feeding on His Word so that you can follow His teachings.

Lord, thank You for the wonderful Christian fellowship and love which we and many others enjoyed with Hazel and Calvin Millington. We offer our prayer in the blessed name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

FRANCES HARRELL - March 01, 2015 at 02:53 PM

AW

*Frances,
I don't believe any of us saw this until now, 6 years later. We appreciate what you wrote and do value and cherish their memory still! We miss them a lot! Hope you are well!*

Amanda Wilkinson - September 22, 2020 at 07:01 PM

AM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Jan. I feel it quite an honor to have gotten to meet your parents at Amanda and Vince's wedding. It is always such a great comfort to know they are in heaven together now. Our prayers are with you and your family during this time and the time to come.*

Sincerely,

Joe and Ann Morgan

Ann Morgan - February 28, 2015 at 05:38 PM

AW

Thank you! None of us saw this 6 years ago and just stumbled across it by accident. Appreciate what you wrote and praying for you now with your mom's passing! Love, Amanda and my family :-)

Amanda Wilkinson - September 22, 2020 at 07:03 PM

NW

“ To Calvin's family...We share your sadness in the loss of Calvin and Hazel, but at the same time rejoice in the Joy of knowing they are together with Jesus. Our times with them in Ridgecrest were fun times...playing cards...eating ice cream...traveling in these beautiful mountains...and just enjoying conversation. Playing cards for Calvin and Dallas was serious business so playing with them would get rather lively. We are praying the sweet comfort and peace of Jesus embrace you all. Norman & Barbara Willie, Ridgecrest.

Norman & Barbara Willie - February 28, 2015 at 02:05 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Calvin Millington.



February 28, 2015 at 11:48 AM