



## Charles Millard Countryman

July 11, 1931 - October 17, 2013

Services for Charles Millard Countryman, III will be held Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 1:30 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Cemetery.

Charles Millard Countryman III died on Thursday, October 17, 2013, after a long struggle with medical complications related to a stroke in June. Millard was born in Rockford, IL on July 11, 1931, and Tyler has been his home since 1985. He was a loving, supportive and giving husband, father and grandfather. Millard graduated from West Rockford High School in Rockford, IL, and the University of Illinois in 1954 where he was president of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was a successful businessman beginning with working for W.H. Minor Corporation in Chicago and ending his corporate career with the Galveston-Houston Company in Houston. In Tyler, he had a successful real estate career working with his wife under the slogan "Spouses Selling Houses."

He was an avid sportsman and especially loved tennis and basketball. However, his true love and passion was for tennis. He began assisting at tennis tournaments in the early 1980s, and later became a certified United States Tennis Association tennis official in 1990. He continued to be a certified USTA tennis official for over 23 years, and he held several certifications for refereeing and officiating at both USTA and Intercollegiate Tennis Association tennis events. Because of his love and passion for the game of tennis, Millard devoted countless hours umpiring and working at tennis tournaments and

supporting the development of tennis programs throughout the State of Texas. Millard was also extremely active in and supportive of the tennis programs at Tyler Tennis and Swim Club, Holley Tree Country Club, and several other East Texas tennis facilities.

Millard is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Nancy Nelson Countryman; his four children, daughter Nancy Countryman Collings and husband David Collings of Tyler; and three sons Cam Countryman and wife Adele Countryman of Houston, Randy Countryman and wife Lori Countryman of Fenton, MO, and Clay Countryman and wife Shannon Countryman of Baton Rouge; and ten grandchildren Kyle Countryman and his wife Leslie, Kevin and his wife Nicole, Alex Countryman List and her husband Mark, Kelsey Countryman Tennesen and husband Craig Tennesen, Kate Countryman, Betsy Countryman, and Molly Countryman, and Brady Collings and Casey Collings; and six great grandchildren Mason Countryman, Brice Countryman, Reed Countryman, Lily Countryman, Ella Countryman, and Miller Caroline List (Miller was named after Millard in his honor after his stroke). We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to a very special nurse, Mariama Darboe, for being so loving and caring with our father.

Millard was a wonderful and loving husband, father and grandfather and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. "I have fought the fight, I have finished the race, and I kept the faith..." 2 Timothy 4:7-8a. Rest in peace Dad. We love you

In lieu of flowers, donations may be to the C. Millard Countryman, III Scholarship Foundation for the tennis program at the Tyler Junior College.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **18**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

## Service

OCT **19**. 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Countryman family. He leaves precious memories and a legacy in a loving family. May God continue to bless you and sustain you. Anna, Jim and Brian Cousineau

Anna Cousineau - October 21, 2013 at 11:52 AM

VE

“ My heart goes out to ALL of the family. I so enjoyed his stories he told, while i took care of him. He always had a smile no matter what. And he always told me, he had good children and he does. It was a pleasure meeting every single one of ya. May God bless ya and surround u with love at this time.

Veronica - October 19, 2013 at 06:44 AM

KC

“ May God Bless you Millard for all the kindness , sharing and great lifetime memories you blessed us with  
Karen Crumpton

karen crumpton - October 18, 2013 at 09:45 PM

SF

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family of Mill.

Walter, Kathy, Grady & Sarah Smith



Smith Family - October 18, 2013 at 03:34 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Millard Countryman.*



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October 18, 2013 at 01:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Millard Countryman.*



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October 18, 2013 at 11:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Millard Countryman.*



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October 18, 2013 at 08:52 AM

MP

“ *Millard - what a gentleman. I will always cherish my times with him and Nancy, especially the 3 of us hanging out in the kitchen discussing all things tennis as he served us our drinks - cream sherry for Nancy, White Zinfandel for me and Merlot for himself. Millard, I can't believe you're gone. I will always treasure all memories. You will be sorely missed!*

*Nancy, you and the family, are in my thoughts and prayers.  
All my love,  
Melinda*

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**Melinda Price** - October 18, 2013 at 06:18 AM