



## Charles Rayburn Langford

July 25, 1932 - December 23, 2012

Longtime Tyler resident Charles Rayburn Langford passed away December 23rd after a lengthy illness.

A service will be held on Sunday, December 30, 2012 at 2:00 PM at Marvin United Methodist Church with Rev. Gerry Giles officiating, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

A reception will follow the service at the Church.

Charles was born in Greenville, Texas in 1932. His father Jake Langford played football at Texas A&M and was Head Yell Leader in 1927. Mother Kathryn Rayburn Langford of Dodd City, Texas was the niece of U.S. Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn.

Charles moved to Tyler in 1943, where his father was a Director for the IRS. He attended Rice Elementary, Hogg Junior High, Tyler High School and Tyler Junior College. He was a member of Marvin Methodist Church and Boy Scout Troop 336.

When Charles graduated from TJC, the Korean War was in progress and he chose to volunteer for the Army. He spent most of his enlistment in Fairbanks, Alaska supervising five batteries of anti-aircraft guns.

After his tour of duty, Charles went to work for IBM in Dallas, where he repaired punch-card machines and computers before becoming a Field Manager working with critical clients such as TI, Bell Helicopter and LTV, and eventually becoming a salesman and teacher. In 1958, he married Erika Ring of St. Poelten, Austria. Together, they had two sons, Eric and Chris.

After retirement, Charles and Erika moved back to Tyler and settled in the Woods neighborhood. He especially enjoyed spending time on a family farm near Lake Tyler. Charles is survived by wife Erika, son Eric and his wife Sheila of Dallas, son Chris and his wife Julie of Tyler, and eight grand-children: John, Sam, Andrew, Katie, Alex, Hannah, Rebecca, and Luke Langford.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County, 2011 Winchester Drive, Tyler, Texas 75701

# Tribute Wall

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“ A tree was planted in his honor by me soon after death, I will post picture of it. It has beautified the area around it. Charles was a very kind man much loved.

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**Marshal L Reinhart** - May 08, 2023 at 06:00 PM

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“ I was so sorry to read of Uncle Charles' passing. My memories of him always make me smile. He and his dad ("MoDaddy" to us) had the same great dry sense of humor. I will continue to keep him and all of you in my prayers. God bless him and you--Erika, Eric, Chris and families.

*Kathleen Mayers Hunter (Elizabeth Ann's daughter)*

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**Kathleen Mayers Hunter** - December 28, 2012 at 09:07 PM