



Dr. Gary T. Kimmel

June 22, 1942 - October 2, 2018

A memorial service for Dr. Gary T. Kimmel, 76, of Flint, will be held on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Marvin United Methodist Church with Dr. Doug Baker and Dr. Mike Massar officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. A private burial will precede the service at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Dr. Kimmel passed away Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at his home in Flint. He was born June 22, 1942 in Brookville, Ohio to Byron Kimmel and Ethel Jones Kimmel.

Dr. Kimmel graduated from Bowling Green State University of Ohio in 1964, after which he attended medical school at the University of Cincinnati, graduating in 1968. He completed his education with a Fellowship in Hematology at Cincinnati General Hospital. Dr. Kimmel served in the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of Major and Chief of Medicine at Darnell Army Hospital at Fort Hood, TX. He practiced medical oncology for over 30 years until he retired in April of 2001.

Throughout his career, Dr. Kimmel was a member of the American College of Physicians, American Society of Hematology, American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, Smith County Medical Society, the Texas Society of Medical Oncology and the

American College of Sports Medicine. He held appointments as Medical Director of Hospice, Hospice Board Member, Hospice Executive Committee Member, member of the State of Texas Cancer Task Force, Northeast Director Texas Chapter American College of Physicians, Secretary of Texas Society of Medical Oncology, M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute Physicians' Advisory Board Member and member of U.T. Tyler Advisory Board of Master of Science in Clinical Exercise Kinesiology program.

Dr. Kimmel was the recipient of the Gold Headed Cane Award and was awarded membership in the "Dr. Luke Society." In 2007, he was elected into the Hall of Honor of Brookville High School (his hometown high school from which he graduated) and in 2009, he was awarded the T. B. Butler Award for Outstanding Citizen of Tyler. In addition to all of these achievements, Dr. Kimmel also authored numerous medical reports, journals and other publications on cancer research.

Dr. Kimmel's belief in exercise as treatment for cancer patients was realized in the founding of Cancer Foundation for Life where he served as medical director and Board Chairman Emeritus. He dedicated his retirement years to improving the quality of life and survivability of cancer patients. Through collaborative research, Dr. Kimmel worked to demonstrate the power of managed exercise as an integral part of a comprehensive treatment program for cancer.

He served as Chairman of the Tyler Baseball Commission which was responsible for the renovation of Mike Carter Field in 1993 with the goal of improving facilities that would benefit the whole community including TISD and Tyler Junior College.

Dr. Kimmel was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Byron Dale Kimmel. He is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 50 years, Phyllis

Kimmel of Flint; his son, Greg Kimmel (Jennifer) of Tyler; daughters, Lori Peake (Jeff) of Clemson, S.C. and Lissa Greenlee (Ryan) of Richmond, VA; eight grandchildren, Jacob and Nathan Peake, Noah, Cole, Kate and Emma Kimmel, and Ava and Parker Greenlee; sister, Sherri Kimmel and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Pallbearers will be Byron Kimmel, Alexander Diegel, Jeff Peake, Ryan Greenlee, Jacob Peake, Nathan Peake, Noah Kimmel, Cole Kimmel and Parker Greenlee. Honorary pallbearers will be the Board of Directors and staff of Cancer Foundation for Life/Fit Steps and members of the Seekers Sunday School Class.

Visitation will follow the memorial service in Pirtle Hall at Marvin United Methodist Church.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Cancer Foundation for Life/Fit Steps at P.O. Box 8257, Tyler, TX 75711.

Tribute Wall

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“ HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. YOUR FAMILY IS IN OUR PRAYERS.

LARRY AND DEB MCELWEE
SALINE CREEK EQUESTRIAN
NEIGHBORS

LARRY & DEB MCELWEE - October 08, 2018 at 09:59 AM

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He will also be missed by his fellow prison inmates who were very sad when this vicious sex trafficker was released instead of serving a life sentence. His fellow inmates wanted to butt-buck Gary to death

Dr Federico Dios - May 23 at 05:18 AM



“ Always encouraging when ever he saw me at Fit Steps at First Christian. Remarkable what he accomplished & moving ahead with exercise for cancer survivors and OTHERS. I was one of the others! Cannot attend the funeral service Monday at Marvin Church, due to other commitments. The sanctuary will be full! Carolyn Halbrooks Bain and Dave Bain

Carolyn Bain - October 07, 2018 at 06:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Gary T. Kimmel.



October 06, 2018 at 10:35 PM

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“ *My daughter and I are cancer survivors. Dr. Kimmel was our doctor. His compassionate, thoughtful manner gave us hope and confidence. We loved him and are thankful for his life. We pray God's blessing of peace for his family.*

Alice Rhodes - October 06, 2018 at 05:08 PM

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“ *From Sue, Lauren, and Amy purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dr. Gary T. Kimmel.*



From Sue, Lauren, and Amy - October 06, 2018 at 10:33 AM

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“ *Gary was an amazing man. He had an awesome gift God gave him to heal, love and share his compassion with the patients he touched I worked for 3 years in the office he and my father shared and will never forget is voice and laughter. He was our neighbor for several years and was a loving man to my family. I am so happy that I had an opportunity to see him with you, Phyllis, and Greg, at Michael Willms' memorial. What a blessing to me! I love you, Diane Pesnell Sims*

Diane - October 05, 2018 at 12:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Gary T. Kimmel.*



October 05, 2018 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dr Kimmel was my Life Saver. He will surely be missed In Tyler. Just think of all the people he helped with The cancer Foundation for Life. I started with him in Fit Steps for Life and shared my story at several events to help patients understand this need for exercise. Thank you so much for helping to save my life. Marcie Toups and husband John...*

Marcie Toups - October 04, 2018 at 06:30 PM



“ *Gary Kimmel was a wonderful friend and blessing to our family. He was an inspiration and very compassionate with my late husband, C.C.Baker, in his final stages of life, visiting him daily at home, then at the hospital, and finally during the last nine days of his life at the Hospice facility. I will always be indebted to him for his help and rejoice that he was part of our lives and that Tyler has had such a wonderful person in our midst. His family will be remembered with love and gratitude for their sharing of him at this time of their loss. Brenda Baker*

Brenda Baker - October 04, 2018 at 06:08 PM

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“ Lynda Tippit lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary T. Kimmel



Lynda Tippit - October 04, 2018 at 04:09 PM

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“ We have participated and been volunteers with FitSteps in Bullard for 13 years. Dr Kimmell was a so kind and especially always knew Greg and enjoyed visiting with him. We will so miss his presence...and we will forever be grateful for this phenomenal work of CFFL and FitSteps. Our love and prayers of consolation for his family. Greg and Kaylene Mongeau, Bullard

Kaylene and Greg Mongeau - October 04, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Gary T. Kimmel.



October 04, 2018 at 01:55 PM

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“ Dr. Kimmel was our dear friend. He was a blessing to all. We will miss him so. He was such a wonderful man and a true Healer. God bless 🙏
Lonny and Kelley Uzzell

kelley Uzzell - October 04, 2018 at 12:37 PM