



## Harold Clay Beaird

September 1, 1930 - April 26, 2022

Mr. Harold Clay Beaird, 91, of Tyler, passed away Wednesday, April 26, 2022.

Harold was born September 1, 1930 in Tyler to Bennie E. Beaird and Lera Kathleen Thedford Beaird. Harold graduated from Tyler High School in 1947. He attended Tyler Junior College on a band scholarship and assisted in the formation of the first TJC Band in 1947. He graduated from TJC in 1949 and continued on to Texas A&M University where he graduated with a degree in Petroleum Geology in 1952. He couldn't have been more proud than when his son, David('81), granddaughter, Becca('12) and her husband, Landon('10) got their Aggie rings!

From 1952 -1971 he worked for Lone Star Gas, eventually resigning as the Manager of Exploration to begin his own business as an independent petroleum geologist. He placed an emphasis on the East Texas area. He has been a member of American Association of Petroleum Geologists since 1958.

His love for TJC continued throughout his life. Harold and his wife, Rosemary, have given 16 endowed scholarships to TJC and so far 174 students have benefitted from these scholarships. He served as a TJC trustee for 14 years and TJC Foundation board member for 13 years. In addition, they have given 2 scholarships to UT Tyler and 1 to Texas A&M.

He enjoyed community and charitable work throughout his life, serving on many boards and foundations. Among them are TJC Board of Trustees, East Texas Medical Center Board, East Texas Geological Society, Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce, Goodwill Industries, Tyler Economic Development Council, Tyler Petroleum Club, Willow Brook Country Club, Salvation Army, Peoples National Bank, Fair Foundation, TJC Foundation, Texas Chest Foundation, East Texas State Fair, Bethesda Clinic Advisory Board, ETMC Foundation, and the UT Tyler Development Board. In addition, He is a past president of the TJC Board of Trustees, ETMC Board, East Texas Geological Society, Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce, Petroleum Data Library, and East Texas Fair. A longtime member of First Presbyterian Church, he served as an elder and trustee.

Harold received the 2004 TJC College Alumni Public Service Award, 2008 recipient of the T.B. Butler Outstanding Citizen Award, Boy Scouts of America Good Turn Award in 2009, the Gertrude Windsor Award from PATH in 2016 and Outstanding Philanthropist award in 2017.

He had a great love for life and was forever seeking new challenges. Beard Farm was one of his favorite projects. Through the years he raised horses, cattle and coastal. Best of all was when family and friends gathered at the farm. Fishing there was a special joy. He passed his love of Texas A&M to his family with 5 family members attending school there. Aggie football was a favorite pastime. He remained active after retirement, enjoying world travels, boating in the Gulf, and his men's group Bible study.

Survivors include wife, Rosemary; son, Dr. David Beard(Lisa); grandchildren, Robert Beard(Afton), Rebecca Hagan(Landon), and Madison Beard. He has a great-granddaughter, Quinn Hagan. Stepchildren are Kurt Brown(Rhonda) and Lori Brown; step-grandchildren, Brandon Honeycutt, Leigh Brasuel(Will), and Heather Scullawl. Preceded in death by his brother and lifelong best

friend, Ben Beaird of La Grange Park, IL, and daughter, Beverly Beaird of Tyler.

The Beaird family would like to thank Harold's special caregivers; Yanira, Greg, Douglas, and Angela. Special thanks to the staff of Hospice of East Texas for the extraordinary care and compassion over the last year of his life.

Honorary pallbearers will be his many good friends both living and those that have gone before him.

Celebration of Life Services will be held Monday, May 2, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Tyler. Dr. Stuart Baskin and John P. Carr will officiate. Reception will follow the service.

If desired, memorials may be made to The Hospice of East Texas ([www.hospiceofeasttexas.org](http://www.hospiceofeasttexas.org)) 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701; PATH ([www.pathhelps.org](http://www.pathhelps.org)) 402 W. Front St., Tyler, TX 75702; First Presbyterian Church ([www.fpc Tyler.com](http://www.fpc Tyler.com)) 230 W. Rusk St., Tyler, TX 75701; or the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Beaird Cemetery

Dixie Community  
Highway 64 West  
Tyler, TX

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
230 Rusk St.  
Tyler, TX 75701

## Visitation and reception after service

MAY 2 (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
230 Rusk St.  
Tyler, TX 75701

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ My mother was Anna Elizabeth Beard Shoquist Harold's first cousin who has passed in 2016. She always had a special place in her heart for Harold, her youngest cousin. She was proud of his achievements and was especially touched of his building of the replica of their grandparents' home that proudly sits and shines on the Dallas Highway. Harold's internment in the Beard cemetery is a testament to his love for family and his humble upbringing. I last saw Harold and Rosemary at that cemetery around 7 years ago when we interred Richard Beard. It's sad to see the last of that generation leave us. Harold's story along with the Beard family story is truly a story of an American family that has been in the United States before the signing of the Declaration of Independence starting with Edmund Beard a farmer and those after who became soldiers for the Confederate army. What a story we all share. My sincere sympathies go out to Rosemary and her family.

*Carrie Ann Beard Shoquist Scalcucci  
Florida*

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**Carrie Scalcucci** - June 21, 2022 at 08:30 AM

KH

“ Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Harold Clay Beard



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**Kurt Hunt** - May 08, 2022 at 10:59 PM

KH

*Praying For all the family.*

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**Kurt Hunt** - May 08, 2022 at 11:00 PM

SM

“ Our sincere sympathy to the Beaird family. The city of Tyler has lost an outstanding man and community leader. We did not know him personally, but saw him around town, usually smiling, and always with a "hello".

May God be with his family for comfort and strength in the coming months.

*Duane & Sandy Moushon*

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**Sandy Moushon** - May 01, 2022 at 06:32 PM

CS

*My mother was Anna Beaird Shoquist . Harold was her first cousin. She always spoke very highly of Harold. She especially loved his replica building of the Beaird family home which I can see now shining proudly on the Dallas highway. I knew his Dad, my great Uncle Bennie. His voice was one of a kind. Harold's interment in the humble Beaird cemetery is a testament for his love of family. It's been about 7 years since I saw he and Rosemary at my uncle Richard Beaird's service at the Beaird Cemetery. He was a handsome devil and so very cordial to us Yankees. My sympathy to Rosemary and David and to all his family.*

*Carrie Beaird Shoquist Scalcucci  
Florida .*

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**Carrie Scalcucci** - June 21, 2022 at 08:10 AM

JS

“ My sincere condolences to Harold's family. So sorry to learn we have lost this outstanding community servant/leader. I will never forget our many encounters over my 33 years in Tyler -- a period Harold helped get off to a great start. I join the countless others who agree that he will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

*Peace and blessings.*

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**John Sims** - May 01, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold Clay Beard.*



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May 01, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *One of the greatest men known. Such a dear friend. May God bless his family during this difficult time.*

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**John Sykes** - April 29, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Clay Beard.*



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April 28, 2022 at 01:51 PM



“ *May the Lord bless you through this heavy grief and give you strength. -Herb Buie*

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**Herbert Buie** - April 28, 2022 at 10:03 AM

KU

“ *In our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Kelley Uzzell** - April 27, 2022 at 10:26 PM

PW

“ *Prayers for your family during this difficult time.* 🙏  
*J. R. & Pam Wells*



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**Pam Wells** - April 27, 2022 at 04:08 PM

HB

*May the Lord strengthen you and help you through this terrible load of grief*  
*Herbert Buie*

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**Herbert Buie** - April 28, 2022 at 09:46 AM

BC

*Praying that special blessings are bestowed on this great man and his family.*

*Bill and Debbie Crowe*

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**Bill and Debbie Crowe** - April 28, 2022 at 10:50 AM

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*My thoughts and prayers be with you, Rosemary, and family.*

*Pat Towles Gilbert*

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**Pat Towles Gilbert** - April 28, 2022 at 06:25 PM

JB

*May the Lord's loving arms comfort you during this time and years to come.*

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**Jeanie Brookshire** - April 29, 2022 at 08:37 AM