



## Harry Ott,

August 21, 1947 - February 6, 2010

Services for Harry John Ott, Jr., 62, of Tyler, will be held February 9th at 1:30 p.m. at Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church with Rev. James McMillan officiating. Burial will follow at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Ott passed away on Saturday, February 6th at Trinity Mother Francis hospital in Tyler. He was born August 21, 1947 in Tyler to Harry and Lenora Ott, the oldest of 3 children. Prior to retiring to Tyler in 2006, he lived in Powder Springs, GA. He graduated from John Tyler High School, class of 1965, and then received a Bachelor of Technical Science in Environmental Engineering from Texas State Technical College. He also completed policy development and environmental law courses toward a Masters Degree at the University of Denver. In October 1967, he married Robbie, the love of his life and had a son, David, and daughter, Lindsay. Harry served in the US Army in Vietnam from 1970-1972 in the 1st Cavalry Airmobile. Before retiring in 2008, Harry worked for the Coca-Cola Company for 18 years, during which time he traveled to more than 130 countries and never met a stranger. He also worked at both the Adolph Coors Brewing Company and Schlitz Brewing Company and was a member of the Global Environmental Management Initiative (GEMI) organization. He spent his career striving to make the world a cleaner and better place. Harry was a reserve officer at both the Jefferson County Sherriff's department and the Denver Police Department in Colorado. Most recently he served as a volunteer at the Smith County Sherriff's department investigating cold case

files. Here in Tyler, he was an active member of Pleasant Retreat UMC currently serving as lay leader and was a member of the Friendship Sunday School class. He was also an active member of the Tyler Mustang Club, contributing recently to build a Mustang that was auctioned off for the East Texas Crisis Center. Harry loved his church family, his friends and especially his grandson Sam, who brought so much joy to his life. He was preceded in death by his beloved son John David, his brother Jimmy and his parents. He is survived by his loving family including his wife Robbie, his daughter Lindsay Brubaker, her husband Scott, grandson Samuel David and his sister Debra Cordill, nieces and nephews Michelle Craver, Chip and Chad Foscue, Kathryn Brewer and Lauren Hills, Izaak Brumely and Liz Bowen. Pallbearers will be Brady Brewer, Scott Brubaker, Izaak Brumley, David Cordill, Chip Foscue and Chad Foscue. Honorary pallbearers will be the United Methodist Men of Pleasant Retreat UMC. Visitation is scheduled for Monday, February 8th, from 5-7 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of Harry may be made to the Pleasant Retreat UMC Property fund. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ *what a great guy will miss him, so sorry*

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**james (noonday) tomlinson** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

IW

“ *As many of our friends have shared our thoughts of Harry .... he was indeed a wonderful and devoted gentleman, husband, father, grandfather, family member, and friend to so many. A man of strong Christian belief and always smiling and glowing with peace and contentment for life. Harry's beautiful smile was a "welcome" to all ... those that knew him and to those just meeting him. We all are sharing with Robbie, Lindsay, and the whole family this great loss. Our deepest love and continued prayers for comfort and peace are with you all. Your "Lion" family and friends are always with Robbie, Lindsay, and family.*

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**Inelle G. and Jimmy Wicker** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *This world lost a dang good man with the passing of Harry. He will be remembered highly by all he came in contact with.*

*My heart goes out to Robbie and the family.*

*Still hard to believe.*

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**Terry Mclendon** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Robbie,

*Our hearts are broken for you and your family. Heaven got a lot brighter the moment Harry arrived and smiled. Harry will always be with you. His smile will remain with all of us. We love you Robbie and lift your family up in our prayers. You will always have a special place in my heart.*

*Jeanette and Gary*

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**Jeanette and Gary Womack** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *I am terribly shocked and saddened by this tragedy. I will keep the family in my prayers. Harry was a wonderful man and a good friend.*

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**Robert Wren** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Thank you Harry for being a wonderful Christian man. We will all miss you very much.*

*May The Good Lord bless and comfort his family.*

*My sincere condolence.*

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**James A Campbell** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I was devastated when I heard the news about Harry. Robbie, I am so sorry for your loss and will keep your family in my prayers. Harry had such an awesome smile and energetic personality. I have been friends with Harry since 3rd grade. It seems like yesterday we were shooting hoops in my backyard..with my mom. God has a new Angel. I never thought our time could be so short.

Good-bye my dear friend.....

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David Philpot - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ As your post knee surgery PT, your jovial "uh-oh" greeting upon realizing our presence was a prelude to a fun and productive professional visit at your bedside. thanks for being the good person that you are, it manifested well in the great patient that you were. your stories on diet coke and your Philippine travels have delightfully improved flavors in my memory. ms. robbie and family, allow me to share this:

<http://www.thedashmovie.com/>

Rest peacefully in God's perpetual light and pray for us, friend especially in our daily work of healing lives.

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ed santos, PT - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I am shocked at the loss of Harry and send you my deepest condolences.

*I just talked to Harry a couple of weeks ago before the surgery and we were already working on some business "mischief" addressing global water issues. He was such a leader and visionary on gobal water issues and so committed to Coca-Cola and his professional love of water issues.*

*But more than that, what I remember most from the last conversation I had with him was him talking about the newest addition to his family, he was so busting proud of that new little sweet one and the time he got to spend with her.*

*He was a good, good man, with that great smile and attitude while also so grounded in Texas and his wonderful family.*

*I am so sorry for your loss!*

*Our prayers are with you.*

*Steve Hellem*

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**Steve Hellem** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Praying for strength and peace for you and your family. God will get you through the tough days ahead.

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**Linda Peery** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ My condolences to Robbie and Harry's Family. I have not seen Harry in years, but I have never forgot his smile and love of life. I really enjoyed my time with him as we grew up. I will not be able to attend the funeral but my thoughts and prays will be with you.  
Darrell Todd

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**Darrell Todd** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I met Harry about 6 years ago. Harry was really a unique person, impossible not to like, he will be sorely missed. Mike

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**Mike Sylvester** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Libby and I were shocked and saddened when we heard of Harry's untimely passing. Robbie, our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family at this difficult time. Harry was a wonderful man and we will miss him. Our hope for you is that your faith will sustain you during the next days and weeks to come.

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**Tim Seago** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ Harry always had a ready smile and was a good colleague and friend to everyone. He had a positive impact on a lot of people's lives, including my own, both professionally and personally. Harry was a friend and he will be missed greatly.

*With kind regards and condolences,*

*Vail Thorne*

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**Vail Thorne** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *I was shocked when I heard of Harry's passing. Although I haven't seen him in years, I will never forget the wild and crazy Harry, and the fun times we had together! Harry, you're going to be missed!*

*My condolences to Robbie and the family. My prayers are with you,  
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**Ed Bosworth** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Robbie*

*Our Prayers and Thoughts are with you and family.*

*We are the miracles that God made  
To taste the bitter fruit of Time.*

*We are precious*

*And one day our suffering*

*Will turn into the wonders of the earth . . .*

*We will miss you Harry, old chap*

*The Full Moon Reune Gang.....*

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**David Hannah** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *Although I never met him, I have heard he was a fine man and a person you would and could be friends with. I know he will be missed and I send my deepest regrets at your loss.*

*Greg*

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**Greg Chapman** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Robbie,  
My condolence goes to you and your family. I know what it is like to lose my husband to death. Mine was a car wreck in 1973.  
Remember GOD loves you and he will give you all the strength you and your family will need if you will allow him too. Just know you will get to see him in heaven.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Billie Champion Jones  
(a school friend)

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**Billie Champion Jones** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Time cannot steal the treasures that we carry in our hearts nor ever dim the shining thoughts our cherished past imparts. And memories of the ones we've loved still cast their gentle glow to grace the days and light our paths wherever we may go...  
Robbie: This little verse was sent to me in a card when my Julie died, and I still carry it in my wallet. I hope it brings a bit of comfort at such a sad time. I know Sam will bring all of you his special charm and joy. Love, Jan

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**Jan McClain Roan** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ May God Bless you and give you the strength that you need to get through this sad time. My prayers and thoughts are with you.  
Eileen Crochet

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**Eileen Crochet** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Very sorry to hear of this.

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**Jim Burton** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

IN

“ *Harry with his great attitude and sense of humor will be greatly missed. He was a great teacher and friend.*

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**Imran Niazi** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *May the God of all comfort keep you and your family.*

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**Connie McGrew** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Robbie,  
We are more than sad at your loss. Harry was a special man that always showed genuine interest in everyone he met. And always a happy man. He will certainly be missed greatly. I cannot say anything that would ease your pain but you must always know that he loved you and your family completely. So sorry that we cannot be there but please know you are in our hearts.  
Later, when you are ready, pack up janie and JB and come visit us in Mexico. We'd love to have you!  
Much love,  
Larkin & Rick*

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**Rick and Larkin Forman** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Dear Mrs. Ott and family. I am so sorry for your loss and pain. I met Harry only briefly through our work in GEMI and recall his warmness and genuine caring. Surely he smiles down beside Jesus at the moment and in the best of hands. Our prayers are with and for you at the moment. Bob and family.*

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**Robert Spicer** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ I am do grateful that you all came to the 40th so I could see him one more. We were never close friends. I only know him through Robbie. But that was so much better than never knowing him at all. He had the most calm presence wherever he was and his smile could replace the full moon. You were his pricess and he was your prince - a match made in hesven. You could see the love in Robbie's eyes from the very beginning. I'll always assume that it was love at first or Cupid had 2 very sharp arrows....one for each. Remember the good times and forget any bad times as they don't count in Heaven. I bet that he was moved to the front of the line to enter Heaven because they just don't come any better

Love & farewell,  
Barbara Jo

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**Barbara Jo Ortis** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ We are deeply saddened by the sudden loss of our dear colleague and friend. A true expert in the field of environmental sustainability, Harry made a strong impact on all those with whom he worked and knew. As great as a professional as Harry was, he was an even better person, a real Southern gentleman. His passion, expertise, kindness and infectious smile and laugh will be deeply missed. We are all better for knowing and working with Harry.

Robbie, Lindsay and family, we offer you our most sincere and heart felt condolences.

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**The Future 500 team** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ To Harry's family: I have many fond memories of Harry and he was always professional and personable at the same time. A true gentleman. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Lyle Staley** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I have known Harry since the early 90's from his work with GEMI and Coca-Cola. He will be greatly missed. He was a pleasure to work with, never had a bad word to say about anyone and was always looking for solutions and ways to work together. He was about encouragement and praise and family and I will truly miss him. His passing is a great loss to many, many people.

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**AUDREY BAMBERGER** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM