



Jack Wesley Betts

December 20, 1922 - March 31, 2016

Services for Jack Wesley Betts, 93, will be held on Monday, April 4, 2016, at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Revs. Buddy Powell and Roy Savage officiating.

Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Jack Betts passed away on Thursday, March 31, 2016, at Gresham, Texas. He was born December 20, 1922, in Cornett, Cass County, Texas, the son of Charles Dupree and Nancy Janie Leftwich Betts.

Jack has been a member of Flint United Methodist Church since 1987 and was a Chairman of the Board. He was a charter member of Pollard United Methodist Church in Tyler from 1955 to 1987 where he sang in the choir. He graduated from Naples High School in 1941 and attended North Texas Agricultural College in Arlington. Toward the end of World War II he served on the submarine USS Hake #256. After the war he earned a bachelor's degree in industrial education and a master's degree in education from East Texas State Teachers College. He taught industrial arts in Velasco, Hawkins, and Van public schools before starting the first two-year vocational drafting program in the state at Tyler Junior College in 1955. He won the Outstanding Teacher Award, and later retired in 1985. He was always devoted to his students and their success, and kept in touch with many through the years. Jack married Sue Porter of Mt. Pleasant on April 12, 1952. They were married almost 64 years.

He was a member of the East Texas Farm and Ranch Club, The Smith County Soil and Water District, and was a president of the East Texas Industrial Arts Association.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Lila Gibson, Nina Harbour, Ila Mae Childress, Bernie McCord, Myra Hummel, and Faye Whittenberg, and brothers Otice, J. D., Melvin, Grady, Donald, and Billy Betts.

He is survived by his wife Sue, and children Vicki Betts of Tyler, Kent (Sue) Betts of North Zulch, Lynn Betts of Plantersville, and Jill (Bob) DeSplinter of Mustang, Oklahoma; grandchildren Rusty (Holly) Betts of Temple, Travis (Traci) Betts of Dallas, Faith, Peter, and David DeSplinter of Mustang; step grandsons David Norwood of College Station and Jeff Norwood (Misty) of Belton; step granddaughter April Johnson (Ben) of Bremerton, Washington; great-grandson Porter Mills Betts of Dallas; step great-grandchildren Chandler and Chyann Norwood of College Station, Kade and Ryland Norwood of Belton, and Jaxton and Elliot Johnson of Bremerton; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Rusty Betts, Travis Betts, Casey Betts, Tracy Betts, Mark Betts, and Jeffrey Norwood.

Honorary pallbearers will be Roy Branham, Carol Robinson, Richard Minter, Bill Canfield, and Edward Ketcham.

Visitation is scheduled from 1:00 to 2:00 PM on Monday April 4, 2016, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to Flint United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 215, Flint, Texas 75762 or to St. Paul's Children Foundation, 1358 E. Richards St, Tyler, TX 75702.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

APR 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GM

“ Jack Betts was one of those men who crossed your path and made a significant difference in your life. He was a great drafting instructor, and went beyond teaching, taking the careers and ambitions of his students into his personal interest. I'm thankful to have known him, and learned under his guidance. God bless his family during this time.

Galen Morrison, Tyler Junior College Drafting Class of 1982

Galen Morrison - April 09, 2016 at 08:20 PM

TC

“ So sad to hear of Mr. Betts' passing. My prayers go up for the whole family. Vickie, I remember your dad and I moving you out of the house behind Rose Hill Cemetery, particularly struggling with that window air conditioner.

Tom Craig - April 04, 2016 at 06:17 PM

BM

“ Love you, Uncle Jack. You will be missed here but I know you are having a great time in Heaven with everybody. Praying for Aunt Sue and the rest of the family. Love you all.

Brandi Betts May - April 04, 2016 at 01:11 PM

GS

“ Global Data Support/ExxonMobil purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Jack Wesley Betts.



Global Data Support/ExxonMobil - April 04, 2016 at 08:43 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jack Wesley Betts.*



April 04, 2016 at 08:38 AM



“ *Lynn, though words, however gentle, cannot take your loss away, still may they help comfort you today. Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your Father.*

Warmest Regards,

Claudia Pena - April 04, 2016 at 08:00 AM



“ *Lynn Betts & Family: So sorry for your loss. My condolences and prayers to you all. Enola Harrington*



Enola Harrington - April 04, 2016 at 07:49 AM



“ *As President of the Board of the Community Food Pantry at Noonday I express our sorrow of hearing of Jack's passing. He was a loyal volunteer, supporter, and prior board member. I had the privileged to join the board during Jack's tenure and admired his commitment to those in need. We have been blessed to know him. Well done you good and faithful servant.*

Mike Simpson

Mike Simpson - April 03, 2016 at 01:20 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jack Wesley Betts.*



April 01, 2016 at 06:09 PM