



Jimmy Tallent

September 7, 1935 - January 7, 2008

Funeral services for Jimmy A. Tallent of Tyler will be held on Friday, January 11, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at Green Acres Baptist Church Chapel with Dr. Darryle Dunks and Rev. Ken Brumley officiating. Burial will follow at a graveside service at Gladewater Memorial Park (West Hwy. 80) under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday, January 10, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler. Jimmy passed away on January 7, 2008 in Tyler. He was born on September 7, 1935 in Tent City, TX off the Sabine River (a camp for migrant oil field workers) to Art and Edna Tallent. He attended and graduated from Gladewater High School, followed by attending Kilgore Junior College, being the first bus driver for the Kilgore Rangerettes. Jimmy flew for the US Navy in 1955. He married Rose Marie Erwin on March 1, 1957 in Nacogdoches TX. In 1959, Jimmy received his Bachelor of Science degree from Stephen F. Austin University in chemistry with a minor in physics, and three days later joined the insurance industry. Jimmy was in the insurance industry for over 50 years. Those who preceded Jimmy are his father, Art Tallent; mother, Edna Tallent; and brother, Roy Tallent. Those left behind are his beloved wife, Rose Marie Tallent; sons, Tim Tallent of Hot Springs, AK, Dr. James Tallent of Austin, TX; daughter, Debbie Hightower of Cairo Egypt; daughter-in-law, Julie Koe Tallent; son-in-law, Jay Hightower; grandchildren, Dustin Tallent, Kristin Tallent, Will Tallent, Hollis Hightower, Hallee Hightower, Harper Hightower and great grandchild, Kennedy Lee Tallent. Also, Jimmy

leaves his sister, Colleen Coffman of Stone Mountain, GA, and brothers, Richard Tallent of San Augustine, TX, Melvin Tallent of Glendale, AZ, John Paul Tallent of Gladewater, TX, and Jerry Tallent of Erath, LA. Jimmy was active in many community services, including the Tyler East Gideon Camp, Tyler Downtown Rotary, Texas Association of Life Underwriters, Leadership Tyler Class 1, Longview Oilbelt Association of Life Underwriters, Tyler Metropolitan YMCA, the Republican Party, the American Heart Association, Sharon Temple Shriners, Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce, the Masonic Temple and numerous other civic organizations. He was a Legislative Emergency Interim Successor for the House of Representatives under leadership of Governor Mark White, and appointed a member of the Chancellor's Council of the University of Texas in Austin. He and his wife attend Green Acres Baptist Church. Jimmy and Rose enjoyed traveling with friends and family to the four corners of the earth. He is known as the "Candy Man" wherever he goes as he passes out candies with scripture verses on each piece, and his favorite phrase is "Life is Terrific!" Pall Bearers include: Jack Erwin, TC Erwin, Alfred Jones, Mark Mueller, Ernie Negem and John Paul Tallent. Honorary Pall Bearers include: Robert Bandy, Carl Bochow, Sr., Ben Jarvis, Red Little, Ralph Martin, Joe Martel, Jerry Tallent, Melvin Tallent, Richard Tallent, Ted Clark and the Tyler Gideon Brothers of East Camp. Memorials may be made to the Gideons International PO Box 131993 Tyler TX 75713 or Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation 1332 North Halsted Street Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60622, or pulmonaryfibrosisinfo@yahoo.com. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ jimmy,
your brightly wrapped candy you last shared with me is way short of
the bright disposition you shared with us in your life fully lived!
the last candy quote says it best:
"Bless the LORD, oh my soul!"
Psalms 103:1

to dearest Tallent family,
having lost my mom +Corazon in just over 150 days ago, even as
we celebrate the life of our dearest ones, i am with you in this most
trying moment of pain and loss.

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ed santos - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Tallent Family:*
Words cannot express the deep sorrow that our family is experiencing from the loss of our dear friend, Mr. Tallent. If I had known that Thanksgiving would be the last time that I would see him, I would have held him a lot longer when I hugged him good bye. I have always said that your family "practiced what they preached". These words do not hold truer for any other family that I have ever known. Growing up in Tyler and hanging out at your house with Debbie are the some of the fondest memories that I have and cherish the most. From the moment that my father passed away from cancer 20 years ago until now you have taken care of my mother and showed her the true meaning of friendship. For this... We love you and will always miss him! You are in our thoughts and prayers!
Love,
Michele Curry Berger
Brad, Lauren & Blake Berger

Michele Berger - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To Rose & Family:*

We are deeply saddened by Jimmys passing. The room lit up when he walked in.

Love,

Pam & Chris Negem

Chris & Pam Negem - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Tim:*

My little sister Kelly saw the notice in the newspaper and recognized your name if you can believe that after all these years. I'm still in Lindale/Tyler (same atty) and am doing well. Hope all is well in Arkansas

My heart goes out to you and your family. I lost my father two years ago and oddly enough, I had to attend a family (inlaw) funeral this morning in Lindale.

If you're home any time soon, stop by and see me or call for lunch to catch up.

Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers and if you need anything, please call. Our door is always open.

love, kim

kim snowden - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Jimmy will be missed by his many friends in the Oil Belt Association. He was an asset to the entire insurance industry. Please know that his family will be in our prayers. Our deepest sympathy from the officers and directors of the Oil Belt Association -now known as NAIFA East Texas.*

Oil Belt Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Rose, Debbie and Family, We were recently notified of Jimmy's passing. We are so sorry. May the love, memories and faith that you shared comfort you. Now the Angels in heaven will have access to Jimmy's candy. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Jerry and Jean Price

Jerry and Jean Price - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM