



## Dr. Marcus Edward Staples

January 7, 1951 - July 20, 2015

Marcus Edward Staples, 64, of Tyler, passed away on July 20, 2015, from complications of ALS.

He was born January 7, 1951, in El Paso, Texas to Dr. Pelham P. and Mildred E. Staples. Being in a military family, he lived in many places growing up but spent most of his school years in Ft. Worth where he graduated from Arlington Heights High School. In 1974 he graduated from Texas Christian University with a BS degree in Geology, and in 1976 he received a MS degree in Geology from Baylor University. At TCU he became a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and has enjoyed many years of brotherhood and football games.

Early in his working career he spent twelve years in the petroleum industry working for Sun Oil, Mobil and Bass Petroleum in Houston and in Fort Worth. In 1989 he entered the University of Texas School of Medicine at San Antonio followed by a residency in OB/GYN at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth. He joined the FamilyCARE Center of Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler in 1997. During his eighteen years there he brought much love and happiness to many homes by delivering their children.

Marc enjoyed many sports—especially skiing, hunting and hiking. He was an enthusiastic collector of antique maps of Texas and of other Texas memorabilia. College football was a favorite pastime and he closely followed

the Horn Frogs of TCU.

He was preceded in death by his father, Pelham P Staples, Jr. and his brother, Pelham P Staples, III. He is survived by his mother, Mildred E Staples of Ft Worth; loving wife, Brenda Staples; daughter, Rachel Claire, and son, Collin Marcus; brothers, Bob and wife, Lisa of Phoenix, Arizona and Joey and wife, Jeanie of Branson, Missouri and many nieces and nephews.

No visitation will be held. There will be a celebration of life memorial service on Friday, July 24, at 2:00 at Marvin United Methodist Church under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ALS Association, 1275 K Street NW, Suite 250, Washington, D.C. 20005.

# Tribute Wall

  
Priscilla  
Neuville

“ *Dr. Staples delivered both my sons. He did a great job. My second son was a planned c-section and he came to the hospital on his day off to deliver him so I could have him on the date I wanted. I always imagined him out playing golf and popping in for an hour to bring life into the world and going back to his golf game. He seemed like Superman to me. Confident and calm. My step daughter is looking for a dr for her current pregnancy and I was saddened to hear of the best ones passing.*

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**Priscilla Neuville** - August 18, 2017 at 05:52 AM

MG

“ *Dr. Staples was a favorite colleague and teacher during my medical residency in Tyler. Many of us became better doctors as a result of his straight-forward, honest, and intelligent approach to patient care and life.*

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**Melissa Gerdes** - July 24, 2015 at 08:04 PM

  
Faye  
Melton

“ *I was blessed to know Dr. Staples for five years working on Labor and Delivery. He was a very interesting man once you got to know him and it is with a heavy heart that I have to say goodbye. With sympathy to his family and lots of love to you all.*



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**Faye Melton** - July 24, 2015 at 12:59 AM

JH

“ I've had the privilege of knowing Marc as a labor nurse several years ago and as a partner at TFCC for the last couple of years. He welcomed me back with a hug and a big grin. His smile was one of my favorite things about him, he would light up the room with it especially when he was teasing someone. He had such a quick wit that there were times I didn't get his joke until a minute or more later. One of my favorite memories was sitting back on a slow day at resident clinic watching him argue with an intern about whether a shark was a mammal (of course Marc was correct). As the discussion was winding down, he grinned and said, "So, what is your position on the platypus?" I also always enjoyed hearing about his family and his dog. He was very special and will be missed. My condolences for your loss.

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**Josie Huffman** - July 23, 2015 at 10:12 AM

MB

“ I had the privilege to work with Dr. Staples at FCC while I completed nursing school. He often called me from the office to translate Spanish for him and he'd mock me for being "too white skinned to speak Spanish like that!". I finished nursing school and worked on L&D where I, too, was perplexed about his speedy c/sections. We laughed hysterically when we ran into each other in Colorado on a rafting trip. We laughed again later at finding out that my in-laws in Colorado had adopted his brother Pelham's dog Roxy. It's tragic to hear of his passing. My sincere condolences to his family, colleagues, and friends.

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**Marissa Boerger** - July 23, 2015 at 09:00 AM

 Elisa Morrison

“ I was blessed to work with Dr. Staples for 6 years, starting when I was still a nursig student. He was kind enough to offer some encouraging words when I graduated and stated working on the unit full time. I had no idea he paid any attention to the nursing students cleaning rooms and bathing babies. My prayers for your comfort and peace during this difficult time.

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**Elisa Morrison** - July 22, 2015 at 11:01 PM

AM

“ As a new L&D nurse I quickly discovered that you could either be intimidated by a doctor, or take a deep breath and push past that and get to know them as a human being. I enjoyed to talking to Dr Staples, whether learning about his family, who he'd quickly brag on, his running passion, or the state of our country. His c/sections were so mind spinning quick, I remember one day when it took 20 minutes and I started worrying that something must be wrong ... "scar tissue" was his comment when I asked. I will miss his quick wit and smile. Prayers to his family during this time.

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**Angi McMillan** - July 22, 2015 at 09:45 PM

BK

“ I have so many fond memories of Dr Staples over the years. When I first started in labor and delivery, I was so intimidated by his 17 minute c sections!!! How is a nurse to do all she has to do in that short time frame??? Dr Staples was an excellent physician to his patients, a caring coworker to nurses, and a kind and gentle person all around. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed. My deepest heartfelt condolences go out to his family. Prayers for comfort for you all. My heart is deeply saddened with you and for your family.

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**Brandilyn Kelly** - July 22, 2015 at 07:42 PM

 Betsy King

“ I worked with Dr Staples and what a blessing to work with such a kind, caring and compassionate doctor. He truly had a heart of gold. It was my pleasure to work with such a great doctor. I will miss him dearly. My deepest sympathy to the Staples' family. Love in Christ - Betsy King

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**Betsy King** - July 22, 2015 at 07:05 PM

AD

That is so sad .he was a great Dr the hole group is wonderful.sorry for the loss of a great Dr.

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**Ann Dawson** - July 22, 2015 at 07:25 PM

GM

“ Mark was a credit to his family and the community of physicians at large. He almost single-handedly reintroduced balloon cervical ripening to North Texas. We will miss him.

*G. Sealy Massingill, Chair, Department of OBG, JPS Health Network*

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**G. Sealy Massingill, M.D.** - July 22, 2015 at 04:53 PM



“ I will never forget when I first met Dr. Staples. It was my first night shift and he called a C-section. We had not met before he walked into the O.R. that night. He first asked "Who are you?" I introduced myself as I gowned him. His next words were "I want my Marsha!" Not a great start. It took a while but he came to like working with me.

*I worked with him for the next 5 years. I found him to be extremely intelligent and compassionate and every once in a while we would get a chuckle out of him. I learned much from him. He was a great teacher.*

*He will be missed in so many ways. My heartfelt sympathy to his family.*

*Jeanine Grimes*

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**Jeanine Grimes** - July 22, 2015 at 04:36 PM

WM

“ I remember Marcus for his willingness always to be of assistance to the other obstetricians at Mother Frances Hospital, while he provided a critical service to so many women in need during their pregnancies. He was a great conversationalist, especially over lunch in the doctor's dining room. His quiet wit and gentle spirit will be missed by a multitude of admirers.

*William E. (Bill) Brown, M.D.*

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**William E. (Bill) Brown, M.D.** - July 22, 2015 at 03:25 PM

AB

“ Amy B. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Marcus Edward Staples.



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**Amy B.** - July 22, 2015 at 10:03 AM

SJ

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dr Staples during my time employed with Mother Frances in Labor and Delivery. I enjoyed working with him. He was so smart and extremely kind hearted. I will never forget what he did for me and my family when we lost our house to fire in 2007. He will truly be missed!! My deepest condolences to his family.

*Shelley Janczycki*

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**Shelley Janczycki** - July 22, 2015 at 07:18 AM

BT

“ I worked with Dr. Staples throughout his career in Tyler in L&D. He was quietly generous never wanting anyone to know he was their benefactor. He worked long hours delivering so many babies. He was a character at times. I had many lively discussions with him! I will be out of town and unable to attend his service, but offer my sincere sympathy to his wife and children.

*Bonnie Tincher*

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**Bonnie Tincher** - July 21, 2015 at 04:01 PM

NK

“ *mrs.staples and children. i worked for many years with dr. staples on the ob unit at mother frances. my heart and my prayers go out to you. last year as i was approaching retirement he and i had many heart to heart talks about my retirement as it was such a big decision for me. i will never forget the words of encouragement he gave me during this time in my life and the kindness he showed me. i considered him my friend. in christian love. nancy kniffen rn*

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**nancy kniffen** - July 20, 2015 at 08:09 PM