



## Marion Schilling

November 15, 1935 - October 31, 2011

A memorial service for Marion Lee Shilling, 75, of Tyler will be held on Friday, November 4, 2011 at 1:00 PM at First Christian Church in Tyler. Dr. Chris Pulliam and Rev. Kayla Coffee-Prose will officiate. Services are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Shilling passed away on Monday, October 31, 2011 in Tyler. "Bookie" Shilling was born on November 15, 1935 in Oak Grove, Louisiana to O. C. and Grace McCloskey Shilling. "Bookie" graduated from Bolton High School in Alexandria, LA and eager to serve his country, he joined the United States Marine Corp. He later attended Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA graduating with a Masters degree in Business and Accounting. Bookie held various positions with the IRS and Tenneco before accepting a position in 1967 with Eugene Jeffers, CPA in Tyler. In the early 70's, Jeffers and Shilling joined in partnership with Robert Arms. After 44 years as a CPA, Bookie retired from the firm now known as Arms, Shilling and Pye, CPAs and along with his wife opened a cooking school, Let's Cook!, in September of this year. In 1976, Marion "Bookie" married Gay Markowitz Shilling and he began his next career as the father of three "already bloomed" children, Mark, Derek and Leslee. He considered this his greatest accomplishment and reward in life. Bookie has been a member of First Christian Church since 1975 and served in the church over the years as board member, treasurer, chair of evangelism and treasurer of the Men's Dialogue Breakfast. Bookie also sponsored the youth programs, Junior Fellowship and Chi Rho. He served as

a deacon and elder and was humbled in recent years at being named "Elder Emeritus". In his professional career, Mr. Shilling was an active member of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants. He led numerous society committees and serves as past President of the East Texas Chapter, and in 2008 was honored as a "Lifetime" member for his 40 consecutive years of membership. He served similar roles in the Southwestern Accountants Group and the National Association of Accountants. Bookie was proud of his community and strived to be a part of its growth and nurture, especially its youth. He participated in the founding of the Tyler Soccer Association and the East Texas Chapter of Palmer Drug Abuse Program. He served as past president of those organizations as well as the Tyler Lions Club. Bookie was also an assistant Scout Leader of Boy Scout Troup #335. Mr. Bookie Shilling was preceded in death by his parents, O.C. and Grace McCloskey Shilling and two brothers, Cecil and Bobby Shilling. He is survived by a loving family including his wife of 36 years, Gay Markowitz Shilling of Tyler; a daughter, Leslee Hart and husband William of Tyler; two sons, Derek Shilling of Tyler and Mark Shilling and wife Rebecca Baker of Austin; daughter-in-law, Kristy Shilling of Tyler; grandchildren, Christian Lee Hart, Sophie Shilling, and Camden Shilling; and brother Charles David (Joe) Shilling and wife Stella of Houston. Honorary pallbearers will be the men of the Wednesday Morning Dialogue Breakfast Group at First Christian Church in Tyler. Memorials in honor of Marion Shilling may be made to the First Christian Church Memorial Fund, 4202 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75701; the Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, Texas 75701; or a charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I'm so sorry to learn of your loss. Please know that you are not alone. God will certainly be with you. He is "the Father of tender mercies" and the "God of all comfort". (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) He will soothe your hearts. Hold His promises near to your heart. Please accept my sincere sympathies.

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**G.FORD** - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to the family for their tragic loss. You will surely be missed at the office.

*God bless you Gay, be strong.*

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**Roxie Ansohn** - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the family. We enjoyed Marion so much in our rehab. He left us with lots of great memories!  
My love to Gay and family  
Melba

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**Melba Duke** - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM