



Melvin Stiefel,

August 17, 1941 - September 20, 2008

Services for Melvin J. Stiefel, Jr., 67 of Tyler, will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 3:00 PM at First Baptist Church downtown Tyler with Dr. Michael Massar and Dr. Paul Powell officiating Burial will follow in Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home Mr. Stiefel passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer surrounded by his loving family, Saturday, September 20, 2008 at M.D. Anderson in Houston. Hewas born August 17, 1941 in Section, Alabama to Melvin J., Sr. and Thelma Grudger Stiefel. Mr. Stiefel was a prominent C.P.A. practicing for 47 years, and was a senior partner with Stiefel, Lyles and Allen Accounting Firm of Tyler. He was a long time active member and Deacon of First Baptist Church. He was a past officer and director in the Tyler Jaycees, past director and treasurer of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society. He was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, and East Texas Estate Planning Council. Melvin enjoyed classic cars, motorcycles and Florida Beaches. He was an accomplished black belt in the martial art of Judo. He especially enjoyed his family and his grandchildren. Mr. Stiefel was preceded in death by his parents, infant son Patrick Ford Stiefel and sister, Ellen Ruth Stakes. Melvin is survived by his loving family including his wife of 47 years Rena Brunt Stiefel of Tyler, son, Keith Stiefel and wife Shannon of Bullard, daughter, Kim Stiefel Young and husband Chris of Frisco, grandchildren, Brandon Stiefel, Nicole Stiefel, Blayne Stiefel and Aubry Stiefel of Bullard,

Sidney Young and Andrew Young of Frisco; stepmother, Alice Johnson of East Bernard; sister-in-law, Pat Brunt of Dallas; aunt, Evelyn Stiefel of Section, Alabama; and numerous nieces, nephews, clients and friends. Pallbearers will be Pierre de Wet, Hank Crouse, Dr. Maxey Abernathy, Rick Allen, Tom Lyles and Denver Crawley. Honorary Pallbearers will be Deacons of First Baptist Church, Stiefel, Lyles and Allen P.C., John Payne, Spencer Miller and Dr. Vitaly Margulis. Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Monday, at Stewart Family Funeral Home 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of Melvin J. Stiefel, Jr. may be made to First Baptist Church Strong Roots, New Growth Campaign, 301 W. Ferguson, Tyler, TX 75702, Children's Village 3659 FM 724 Tyler, Texas 75704, or the American Cancer Society P.O. Box 130577 Tyler, Texas 75713.

Tribute Wall

WK

“ *Rena, Keith and Kim, our hearts are heavy with the loss of Melvin. Barry enjoyed being around Melvin almost as much as being with Keith as they grew up in Tyler. We will always remember with joy and fondness our times of service together in the Tyler FBC Youth Department. Melvin will be missed so much by so many, but by none any more than the Propes'.*

Wynelle Kleber - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *A great person -- a great life*

Dot and Jim Hinderer - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Mr. Stiefel,*

You were very loved by our family and will be missed by all those you touched. Your kindness, humor, compassion and friendliness made you such a wonderful person and friend.

I'll see you in Heaven some day.

Barry

Barry Propes - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Dear Family,

Please know you are in our prayers. Kim is a sweet and dear friend, and we will be covering you in prayer during our Moms in Touch time this Monday morning in Frisco.

Heaven is celebrating!

Sarah Lynn Gamble - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ We will always remember with joy the friendship and good times we shared with Melvin. His spirit and courage have continued to inspire us even though we have been away from Tyler these many years. We rejoice in his good life and treasure the memories.

Jim and Marion Runyan - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Rena, I am so sorry about Melvin but I know it has to be a comfort to know that he was a Christian and is with the Lord now. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Betty sends her love also.

Peggy Mercer Moughon - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Kim,
We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your Father, Melvin. We pray that God's peace be with you and the rest of your family during this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
The Jacintos*

Brenda Jacinto - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ No one knows better than his family how close Melvin walked with GOD. His family is his testimony. My heart is with each of you. I hope to visit and tell you in person that I love you. May GOD continue to bless you.

wanda hoy - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Precious Kim & Chris,
Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I pray that God's peace and comfort will pour down from heaven upon you and your family in an unspeakable way. If we can help serve you in any way, please let me know.
We love you!
The Lamberts

Traci Lambert - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Dear Stiefel family, I am so sorry for the loss of your father, grandfather and husband. Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Stacey Scheufler

Stacey - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Rena and Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I feel honored to have known such a fine professional. I'll look forward to visiting with you in the next few days.

W. Joy Adams, ChHC,CFP

Joy Adams, Adams Financial Group - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Rena,

I am so sorry that I cannot be there for you at this time, and I am sorry that I did not get to see you while you were in town. As you know, my vacation prevented that.

I really do know how you feel now, and how protective you felt for Melvin while he was sick.

I will always remember how sweet and gracious Melvin always was, and I will miss him very much.

I know that there will be a lot of things that you will not remember about all of this, but just remember that I loved (love) you both very much.

May God be with you and your children in this time of sorrow.

P.S.

Whenever you are in town for a few days, please give me a call, and I will meet you in Houston somewhere.

Jan

Jan Carrico - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ Rena, so sorry to hear that Melvin has left us so young. It sounds as if he had a full and rewarding life. I so very much enjoyed the photo tribute. You have a beautiful family. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Hang in there. May the peace that passeth all understanding be yours now and forever.

Nanette Larkin Gordon - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM