



## Dr. O. Edwin McClusky

September 19, 1945 - October 15, 2018

A memorial service for Dr. Oliver Edwin McClusky, 73, of Tyler, will be held on Friday, Oct. 19, 2018, at 3:00 P.M. at Marvin United Methodist Church with Dr. Doug Baker officiating. Stewart Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Private burial at Rose Hill cemetery will precede the memorial service.

Dr. McClusky passed away Monday, October 15, 2018 at Mother Frances Hospital, where he spent most of his career. He was born September 19, 1945 in Beaumont, TX to Oliver Edison and Edna Earle McClusky. He grew up in Beaumont and graduated from South Park High School.

Dr. McClusky attended Texas Christian University on a National Merit Scholarship and was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. After graduating with honors from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, he entered the Air Force in 1968 and completed residency in internal medicine and fellowship in allergy/immunology at Wilford Hall Hospital in San Antonio. In medical school, he was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha honorary medical society. During his residency, Dr. McClusky received the distinguished Henry S. Wellcome medal and prize from the Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S. He served in the U.S. Air Force, achieved the rank of Major, and served as Chief of Medicine at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, TX from 1974-1976. In 1976, Dr. McClusky left the military and opened his private practice in

Tyler.

He was active with numerous professional organizations, including Fellow of the American College of Physicians, Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology, Smith County Medical Society, where he served as President in 1983, Texas Medical Association, American Medical Association, JCAHO Professional and Technical Advisory Group for Integrated Delivery Systems, Group Health Association of America, and the Texas Medical Foundation.

Dr. McClusky had a passionate interest in improving cost-effectiveness in clinical medicine and forming business-medicine coalitions. He served on the Governor's Task Force on Health Care Cost Containment, served as Chairman & CEO of Heritage Health Plans, and as Director of the VHA Health Alliance of Texas. He was a leader of Mother Frances Hospital's quality improvement initiatives and later became the hospital's V.P. of Medical Affairs.

During his 32 years of practicing medicine in Tyler, he served countless patients and was regarded by his peers for his caring and kind manner. He retired from medicine in 2009 and enjoyed time with his family, friends, and dogs. Dr. McClusky was an avid reader and lifelong learner. He enjoyed golf and the Colorado mountains with his family and friends. He loved his Cedar Cover farm and enjoyed the natural beauty of East Texas which first drew him to Tyler.

He was a member of Marvin United Methodist Church and has served on the Administrative Board.

Dr. McClusky was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver Edison and Edna Earle McClusky. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Junella Grace Jones McClusky; sons, Todd McClusky, Denver, CO, J'son Burnett, Denver, CO; Dr. Derek McClusky, Ruston, LA; grandson, Hayden McClusky, Ruston,

LA.; and special cousin, Sherry McClusky Barger, Jasper, TX.

Pallbearers will be Jon Young, Dr. Jim Muse, Dr. Tom Lowery, Dr. Douglas Coltman, Ralph Senter, Dr. Larry Spradley, Tommy Stewart, and William Robinson. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Pat Thomas, Dr. Ben Bridges, and Dr. Duane Andrews.

If desired, memorials may be made to The Eternal Flame Fund of Marvin United Methodist Church.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.” Matthew 25:23.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

Marvin Methodist Church Sanctuary  
300 W Erwin St  
Tyler, TX 75702  
(903) 592-7396

## Visitation and reception after service

OCT 19 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *To: McClusky Family*

*It was always a pleasure to work with Ed on various clinical problems and medical committees. We will miss seeing him. Many blessing to all of you.*

*Samuel and Edna Houston*

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**Samuel D. Houston** - October 19, 2018 at 02:52 PM

SA

“ *Steve and Beth Anders purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. O. Edwin McClusky.*



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**Steve and Beth Anders** - October 18, 2018 at 10:20 PM



“ *65 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - October 18, 2018 at 04:06 PM



“ *Ed was always gracious & friendly to be around. We lost him too soon. Junella, sorry we cannot be at Marvin Friday, but a prior commitment. Dave and Carolyn Halbrooks Bain, Bain Real Estate*

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**Carolyn Bain** - October 18, 2018 at 03:44 PM

MB

“ *Mike & Dianne McClusky and Rodney & Sherry Barger purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. O. Edwin McClusky.*



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**Mike & Dianne McClusky and Rodney & Sherry Barger** -  
October 18, 2018 at 01:34 PM

BB

“ *Have really enjoyed Dr.O here at Paul's Barber Shop over the years he has been coming. He was quite a peaceful fellow but humerus all the time. Very polite and never made a fuss about his haircuts. Most of all He was full of wonderful faith to God and kindness to all men. Heaven has received a great man of faith and love.May the family be comforted by The Lord's grace and mercy.*

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**Bill Brown** - October 18, 2018 at 10:17 AM

LT

“ *Lynda Tippit lit a candle in memory of Dr. O. Edwin McClusky*



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**Lynda Tippit** - October 18, 2018 at 07:59 AM

PS

“ *Patty and Larry Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. O. Edwin McClusky.*



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**Patty and Larry Smith** - October 17, 2018 at 04:40 PM

LR

“ *love always, Suzi and Rick purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. O. Edwin McClusky.*



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**love always, Suzi and Rick** - October 17, 2018 at 01:44 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. O. Edwin McClusky.*



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October 17, 2018 at 01:39 PM

CC

“ *I knew Edwin McClusky in high school in Beaumont, Texas, and fondly remember him for his quick wit and gentlemanly manner. It is heartening to read of the very good life he led. Please accept my condolences in your great loss.*

*Carol Achenbach Corbin*

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**Carol Corbin** - October 17, 2018 at 12:52 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. O. Edwin McClusky.*



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October 17, 2018 at 11:49 AM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. O. Edwin McClusky.*



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October 17, 2018 at 11:14 AM



“ *Connie Gordon purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. O. Edwin McClusky.*



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**Connie Gordon** - October 17, 2018 at 09:52 AM