



Raymond Harvey,

December 14, 1934 - October 22, 2011

Dr. Raymond Chesterfield Harvey, Jr. went to be with our Lord on October 23, 2011, after a long and courageous battle with leukemia. He was born on December 14, 1934 to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Harvey, Sr. of Tyler, Texas.

Dr. Harvey will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him, especially his children, daughter Mary G. Harvey and son Raymond C. Harvey III, daughter-in-law Carol Minton Harvey, and his beloved grandchildren, Grace, Harrison, and Hallie, all of Dallas, Texas. In Tyler, Dr. Harvey leaves behind many other loved ones, including his best friends, Mary and Cary Wofford and his devoted dog Parker. Dr. Harvey was called "Daddy Ray" by his grandchildren, and indeed, he was a father figure to many. He was first and foremost, a man of God. He pastored many area churches for over 49 years, including Hopewell Baptist Church, First Baptist Church Bullard, and First Baptist Winnsboro. Those who heard him speak will always remember his beautiful resounding voice and charismatic manner. He imparted much wisdom and interpreted the Gospel with humor and insight, leading many to the Lord. In addition to spreading the Word, Dr. Harvey was also a psychology professor at Sanford University in Birmingham, Alabama, Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, and many others too numerous to mention. Those who met him will never forget him... and indeed, he was voted "friendliest professor" because of his easy manner and charming ways. Dr. Harvey always had time to listen and was quick to offer solid advice, encouragement, and inspiration. He always made you feel as though you

were the only person in the room... he gave others that rare gift of undivided attention. Dr. Harvey was an engaging conversationalist--- interested in everything! He never lost his curiosity about the world. He loved to travel, read, follow sports, and he never forgot a punch line! He loved to hear a joke and he loved to tell one, too. His delightful smile and easy laugh will always echo in our hearts. Visitation will be held at Stewart Family Funeral in Tyler, Texas at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, October 26th, 2011 with a grave side service at Cathedral in the Pines following at 11:30. Honorary pallbearers will be David Baker, Larry Adams, Cary Wofford, Larry Collum, Steve Tabanian, Louis Cobb, Lacey Brady, and Gerald Davenport. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the SPCA of East Texas, P.O. Box 2026, Tyler, Texas 75710. Ph# (903) 596-SPCA. The family would like to thank the many wonderful nurses and staff for the support, loving care, and kind words that made his challenging illness a little more bearable. We will miss you desperately, Daddy Ray. But we will also remember what you taught us by your example... to live each day as though it were our last, to always treat others with kindness, honor and integrity, and most importantly, to walk in faith... because we know that through our Lord Jesus Christ, one day we will see you again.

Tribute Wall

SG

“ I was saddened by the news of Ray Harvey. I loved Ray Harvey - I loved Mary - and I loved baby-sitting their sweet kids many years ago when they lived in Winnsboro, Texas. Brother Harvey (as we called him then) probably had a greater influence on me than any other pastor when I was growing up. As a teenager, I appreciated what he had to say as it seemed so real and relevant to everyday living, but I really appreciated his fun and loving spirit regarding following Christ and living the Christian life. He was one that didn't just live for Christ - but he lived it joyously! When I think back to those times, I am reminded of his laughter, his love, his caring for his family and for his church. And although, he had left Winnsboro by the time I got married, I was blessed that he was able to return and perform the wedding ceremony for my husband and I, 40 years ago. We haven't always been able to get together, but through my parents (who also loved him dearly), I have been able to keep up with where he was and what he was doing. What an unexpected pleasure it was to see him several years ago at my father's funeral. I know that his life wasn't always perfect, but I for one know that I am a better person because of his influence and teaching in my life. I will treasure the memories that I have of Brother Harvey and his dear family.

God bless you, Sharon

Sharon & George Gorham - October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I can remember so well that he held several revivals at our church when I was just a child. My Daddy was so proud of him, as if he was his own son. I think all of his uncles felt that way about him. I always thought he was the nicest man, and I was proud to say he was my cousin.

You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Harvey Denton - October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ To the family,

We are so very sorry for your loss and are praying for your peace during this time. Dr. Harvey was a wonderful man. We knew him as pastor of FBC Gustine TX where my parents are members. We met and just loved Dr. Harvey. He was a beautiful orator, a true man of God, and just one of the kindest people you could ever meet. We were lucky enough to have him preside over our wedding almost 10 years ago. Please know that he touched the lives of so many people and he will be greatly missed!

*Sincerely,
Jamie Hobbs*

Matt and Jamie Hobbs - October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM