



## Richard Harvey

April 20, 1934 - December 13, 2005

Services for Richard Harvey, 70, Tyler, are scheduled for 3:00 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, at Stewart Family Funeral Chapel with Rev. Paul Powell officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Harvey passed away Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005 in Tyler. Born to the late M. J. Harvey, Sr. and Frances Sledge Harvey on April 20, 1934 in Tyler, Mr. Harvey lived in the East Texas Community his entire life. A graduate of Tyler Public Schools, he attended Southern Methodist University where he received a Business Administration Degree in management. He later accepted a position with Tyler Pipe Industries founded by his father. In 1969, Richard resigned his position as Vice-President and member of the Board of Directors of Tyler Pipe Industries to devote full time to his business, ranching and civic interests. Mr. Harvey had many business interest including owning and operating a ranch and owning Barclay Apartments as well as The Honey Tree, a health food store and restaurant in Tyler. He held a commercial, multi-engine instrument rating, and had logged as excess of 6,000 hours of flying time. Richard served his community in many facets including being a member of the Board of Directors of the Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom and Board Member of Lone Star 2000 and the Texas Ranger Association Foundation. He started the Free Enterprise Educational Institution of Texas in 1986, being the Chairman of the Board. This Institution rewards high school and college students for writing an essay on the subject of "What Free Enterprise Means to Me". The scholarship

program has given away in excess of \$200,000 to deserving students over the last sixteen years. In 1984, 1988, and 1994, Mr. Harvey ran in the Texas State Senate District 2 race against Democrat nominees and was edged out each time receiving just under half the vote. He accomplished this with campaign spending of less than half of his opponents. He and his wife were members of the First Baptist Church of Tyler. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and jogging. He will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and sportsman. Mr. Harvey was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Rick, Harvey, Jr. Richard is survived by his loving family including his wife of 51 years, Evelyn; son, Michael Brown Harvey of Florida; daughters, Frances Harvey Keaton of Connecticut and Kathryn Harvey Diamond of Texas; grandchildren, Julian Keaton, Lauren Keaton, Evelyn Keaton, and Samuel Diamond; brother, M. J. Harvey, Jr. of Dallas. Honorary Pallbearers will be Glenn Elliott, Max Womack, Bob Mitchell, J. B. Smith, Bobby Nichols, Luther Glass, and his law enforcement friends. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, south Tyler, 75703.

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Dear Evelyn & Family:*

*Richard was a great man and will be missed by all who knew him. Our paths crossed many times as we both unsuccessfully pursued the state senate. I always admired Richard's tenacity and steadfast support for what he believed in and willingness to help others. Please accept my sympathy, and know that you and your family are in my prayers. We know where Richard is, and I'll bet he's checking to see what senate district he can run for in Heaven.*

*Your friend*

*Leonard Davis  
United States District Judge*

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**Judge Leonard Davis** - December 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *HAVING THE HONEY TREE IN TYLER HAS BEEN A SPECIAL BLESSING FOR OUR FAMILY. ALSO, WE ARE EXTREMELY APPRECIATIVE OF ALL THAT MR. HARVEY DID IN SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY IN THE EDUCATIONAL REALM. WE WOULD HAVE LOVED TO HAVE SEEN HIM AS A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS STATE SENATE. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS THE HARVEY FAMILY.*

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**MARJORIE A. CHAMBERS** - December 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *Richard was a great American and a great Texan. He had a heart bigger than Texas. It was a honor to know him. He made a difference in so many lives. The world is a better place because Richard was here.*

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**Senator Bob Deuell** - December 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *Kathryn and Family,*

*I am so sincerely sorry for your family's loss. Please know that my love and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Anna*

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**Anna Gray** - December 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Frances, it was a pleasure to meet your father when he visited our campus. We are praying for you, your mother and the entire family during these difficult days. We are rejoicing that he knew the Lord and you will have a reunion with him someday. Until that time, your father is enjoying the presence of the Lord where there is no more night, no more tears, no more pain. He will be missed by so many who remain here.*

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**Judy Drewry** - December 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *My heart felt condolences go out to you.  
I was lucky enough to be a part of the Harvey family. I spent alot private time talking about life and the meaning of family with Mr. Harvey,alot of which I practice in my own life today.  
I was fortunate enough to go hunting with Richard on several occassions, and for the record Richard was by far the best shot I have ever seen.  
Kathryn and Evelyn and the rest of the Harvey family you are in my prayers. I can't say how sorry I am for your loss.  
He will be missed.*

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**Rick Hamilton** - December 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Evelyn, Kathryn and your family.  
Please know that you are in our prayers during this very difficult time.  
Sincerely, Harold and Gillian Brasfield*

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**Gillian and Harold Brasfield** - December 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM