



## Richard Hightower

August 3, 1930 - December 5, 2007

Memorial Services for Richard Guy "Dick" Hightower, 77 of Tyler, will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2007 at 3:00 PM at Marvin United Methodist Church with Dr. John Robbins officiating. Private burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Hightower passed away on December 6, 2007 in Ozona, Texas while hunting with friends. He was born on August 3, 1930 in Wichita Falls to the late Paschal Guy and Opal Sims Hightower. He was raised in Tyler and graduated from Tyler High School. He later graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1951, where he was a consensus All-American football player. He was an All-Southwest Conference linebacker for three years (1949, 1950, and 1951) and an All-American center. He was later voted into Southern Methodist University's Football Hall of Fame. Mr. Hightower was president of Hightower Lumber Company, past president of Tyler Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, and the Tyler Area Builders Association. In 1978, he was a recipient of the T.B. Butler Award which is presented annually by the T.B. Butler Publishing Company, publisher of the Tyler Morning Telegraph and Tyler Courier-Times Telegraph. The recipient of this award is selected based on outstanding contributions in the fields of leadership, service or improvements in the community of Tyler during the calendar year. Mr. Hightower was named outstanding citizen in 1977. He previously served on the board of Mother Francis Hospital, East Texas Medical Center and Southside Bank. He was a member of Marvin United Methodist Church in the Friendly Sunday School Class. He was also a

member of Willowbrook Country Club. He was a pilot and greatly enjoyed his time spent flying. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, and mostly spending time with his family and grandchildren. Mr. Hightower was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Sue Ann Hightower; and brother, Jack Hightower. He is survived by a loving family including his wife of 16 years, Ann Hightower of Tyler; three sons, Patrick Glen Hightower and fiancé Sabrina Corley, Jack Russell Hightower and wife Susan, and William Shelton and wife Cici, all of Tyler; two daughters, Wendy Hightower Fulgham Walker and husband, Cullom of Tyler, and Anna Shelton Pfohl and husband Ron of Atlanta, Georgia; grandchildren, Erin Hightower Mann and husband Sean, Katherine Anne Hightower, Hallye Sue Fulgham, Jack Fulgham, Samantha Sims Fulgham, Richard Zachary Hightower, Hannah Elizabeth Hightower, Lily Ann Hightower, Whitney, Mary Lauren, Clay, and William; a niece, Debra Townsend and husband, Kenny; and a sister-in-law, Gloria Drennan. Pallbearers will be James Cleo Thompson, Val Joe Walker, Sam Stollenwerck, Chad Hanna, Sr., A.J. Triggs, Jimmy Wynne, and Mike Hoover. Visitation is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 5:00-7:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, Texas 75703. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in honor of Richard Hightower to Marvin United Methodist Church, 300 West Erwin, Tyler, Texas 75702. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

MI

“ DEAR HIGHTOWER FAMILY,

WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR GREAT LOSS,  
MR.HIGHTOWER WAS SUCH A GREAT PERSON AND FRIEND  
TO US. WE WILL REMEMBER HIM ALWAYS AND THE JOY WE  
HAVE HAD OF KNOWING HIM.

MISTY,BRETT,HARRY

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MISTY,BRETT,HARRY - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Dear Wendy and the rest of the Hightower family. I am so sad to hear about your father's passing. You can take great comfort in knowing what a an enjoyable last day he had here on earth and the immense joy he is now experiencing. Your father, like mine, were just two of the men who seemed larger than life when we were growing up and we could never have imagined them one day being gone. What a wonderful legacy he leaves and you can rest assured he will not be forgotten. To this day I come across people who tell me how they were touched by my father. The same will hold true for you. God bless you all.

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Smith Wimberley - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ To all the Hightower family... I am so sorry for your loss but what a way to go... doing something he loved dearly. We were neighbors when all the kids were young and we always played together at the pool. Please know that Tyler is a much better place because of Dick. When I married in 73 we were in the home building business and were at the Lumber yard daily. Tyler has lost a very wonderful business man, friend, and mentor. May God grant you all peace during this time of grief.

*Teresa Avent Trimble Hodge*

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**Teresa Avent Trimble Hodge** - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.  
SINCERELY,  
KARIE & SUG

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**KARIE & SUG DALTON** - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Our prayers are with you during this time of your loss..Dick was a good friend of mine. I will miss him..God Bless You....

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**Jerry King** - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Pat's brother, Bobby Collier, was Dick's roommate at S.M.U. for three years. All of the Collier's loved and admired Dick and will miss him greatly. We can all look forward to seeing him in Heaven. God's blessings to the family. Pat and Mary Ann

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**Pat and Mary Ann Collier** - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HN

“ I first met Dick when I moved to Tyler in the late 1950's. He had just gone to work for his dad at Hightower Lumber and I was a sales rep for radio station KTBB.

He was one of my customers until my retirement from KLTN in 1994.

Of the many people I knew during that time, he was my favorite-- always giving of his time and attention.

I know how deeply felt his loss is to his family and I know, too, that Tyler lost one of it's finest citizens.

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**Hugh Neeld** - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Our heartfelt sympathy is sent with all of our love. The Hightower family has been an extension of our family for so many years. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

*Earl and Melinda O'Quinn*

*Matt and Rhonda Haws*

*K. Max and Mary Haws*

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**Earl and melinda O'Quinn /Matt and Rhonda Haws** - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your father, Pat. We are making a contribution in his memory to his church. If there is anything that I can do to help, please let me know. Again, I am sincerely sorry for your loss. Jim

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**James "Jim" Randall** - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM