



Dr. Richard Wayne Tyer MD

September 28, 1934 - October 20, 2014

Requiem Mass for Richard Wayne Tyer, MD, will be held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 23, 2014, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler. Dr. Tyer passed away at home in Tyler on October 20, 2014.

Dr. Tyer was born in Timpson, Shelby County, Texas, on September 28, 1934, to C. Carl and Frances Etoile Tyer. Dr. Tyer spent a great portion of his youth with his grandparents, Richard and Della Darnell of Timpson. He attended a one-room schoolhouse along with his brother in Timpson. Dr. Tyer also lived in Wichita, Kansas, Clyde, Ohio, Robstown, Texas and Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where his father worked on the Manhattan Project during World War II. Dr. Tyer attended high school at Robert E. Lee High School in Baytown, Texas. After graduation from high school, Dr. Tyer traveled with his brother, Kenneth, to Durban, South Africa, where his father was the construction superintendent for the Standard Vacuum Refining Plant.

After a year's stay in South Africa, Dr. Tyer returned home and married Mary Lou Buford of Baytown. Dr. Tyer was a pipefitter with the local union #211 in Houston. He was awarded the Outstanding Pipefitter Apprenticeship Award for three years from the State of Texas. He was a section leader of engineers at the Walter Kidde Company in Houston. While working full-time as a projects engineer, Dr. Tyer attended Rice University in Houston and received his Bachelor's degree in Biology in 1963 from Rice. Enamored with biological sciences and medicine, he entered medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston in the fall of 1963, where he graduated from the

accelerated program in 1966. Dr. Tyer was the recipient of the Ashbel-Smith Award while a student at UTMB.

From 1966 to 1967, Dr. Tyer was an intern at the R. E. Thomason Hospital in El Paso. From 1967 to 1969, he served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Navy at the Marine Air Station in Yuma, Arizona. In 1969, Dr. Tyer and his family moved to Tyler where he started his medical practice originally with Doctors Jones and Neill, then independently for many years. Dr. Tyer worked continuously as a physician for 48 years until his death.

In his early career in Tyler, he delivered 800 babies, served as physician to Tyler Pipe Industries and the Tyler Catholic School System. He was a member of the Smith County Medical Society, Tyler Catholic School Board, and Knights of Columbus, as well as the TK Gorman Booster Club.

Dr. Tyer was preceded in death by his parents, C. Carl Tyer and Frances Etoile Tyer and his grandson, Matthew Tyer Hopping.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Lou Buford Tyer; son Richard Darnell Tyer, MD, of Tyler; daughters Desiree Hopping, OD, and husband Ronald L. Hopping, OD, of Friendswood, Renee Tyer Goodwin and husband Warren of Tyler, and Michelle Tyer Heines and husband Mayor Martin Heines of Tyler. Dr. Tyer is also survived by his brother, Dr. Kenneth Tyer of Tomball and sister Sandra Jessee of Katy and their families. He was a grandfather to five grandsons and one granddaughter: Reed Austin Hopping, OD, and wife, Lindsey, of Houston; Grant C. Hopping of Houston, Luke Jackson Haberle of Tyler, Joseph D. Goodwin of Tyler, Michael C. Goodwin of Tyler, and Isabelle Marie Heines of Tyler. "Papa" as his grandchildren called him, lived to see his first great-granddaughter born this summer, Preslie Ryan Hopping of Houston. The entire family would like to thank the many friends of Dr. Tyer's in the community, physicians, and patients alike.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the Tyler Catholic School Foundation Sister Scholastica - Tyer Family Fund, P O Box 131175, Tyler, TX 75713. The family will receive guests at the Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler from 5:00 until 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, with Rosary to follow.

Requiem Mass will follow at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception followed by interment at New Prospect Cemetery in Timpson, Texas.

Cemetery Details

New Prospect

Timpson, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Rosary

OCT **22**. 6:30 PM (CT)

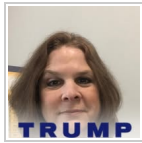
Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
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Service

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
423 S. Broadway
Tyler, TX 75702

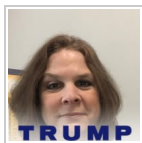
Tribute Wall



“ *Melissa Farmer lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard Wayne Tyer MD*



Melissa Farmer - November 12, 2014 at 01:28 PM



“ *I was so shocked to hear of Dr. Tyers passing. He has been my doctor since I moved to Tyler in 1996 before he even had the practice in Chapel Hill. He was such a sweet man. He took excellent care of me and I trusted him. That is hard to find these days. He had a great sense of humor and always made me smile. You will be so missed Dr. Tyer. To your family I send prayers up for comfort and guidance. Rest In Peace with the Angels.*
Melissa Harris
Arp, Texas

Melissa Farmer - November 12, 2014 at 01:28 PM



“ *Dr. Tyer had a smile on his face every time I saw him. I always looked forward to seeing him even though my ailments brought me there. A true doctor, historian, friend, and confidant. Oh my how he will be missed. I am sure he still smiling with his boots on! Prayers to his wonderful family.*

Pennie McKeller - November 11, 2014 at 02:30 PM

LS

“ My mother, Ann Saslav, of Overton, Texas, called me in San Francisco to tell me recently of the passing away of Dr. Tyer. I was so sorry to hear this news. He was such a gentle soul and such a terrific doctor. He meant the world to my mother, both as her longtime physician, and as a friend. I remember being seen by him during several visits to my parents in East Texas throughout the years, as well as during the years when he and his staff rented out the building built by my grandfather, Dr. Haskell Heiligman, in Overton, to be able to see patients there. He diagnosed something in me early on, which helped me in so many ways, plus in today's era it is extra special to be seen someone who knew both of my parent's medical history so closely. He was a Texas treasure and will really be missed. My sincerest condolences to his family and friends who have lost one of the best.

Lea Saslav - October 31, 2014 at 12:51 AM

JD

“ Dr. Tyer was the sweetest doctor in the world!! He was always ready to give hugs and spend extra time just visiting with his patients. He was my doctor and my friend for over 30 years. I was blessed to have known such a great man! Prayers to his family and staff.
Jan Dove

Jan Dove - October 24, 2014 at 10:01 PM

JP

“ Dr. Tyer was the best Dr. that we could ever have wanted . My mother is 96 years old and has been seeing him since he first started his practice in Tyler texas. He was there for her through all her illness. He always knew just what to do for her to take care of the problem without all the dramatics. I also have been seeing him since I was 14 years old and I am almost. 60. There will never be another Dr. Tyer , so where do we go from here. I would also like to thank his office staff, Glenda and Alma for being so caring and kind to us through the years. I am so sad and would like to offer our condolences to his family. Janice Garner and Minnie Faye Parnell

Janice Garner and Minnie Faye Parnell - October 22, 2014 at 09:33 PM

RW

“ I've known Doc Tyer about 40 years, he was much more than my doctor, he was my friend, and a true inspiration to me. My prayers to Michelle and the family.
Ronnie Wright (Yeti)

Ronnie Wright - October 22, 2014 at 09:29 PM

VS

“ He will surely be missed... He was one a kind.Love Ronnie and Vicki Sanders

Vicki Sanders - October 22, 2014 at 06:21 PM

CB

“ That picture of Richard is just like he was - friendly and gracious. Know he will be missed by all the family. Carolyn Halbrooks Bain

Carolyn Halbrooks Bain - October 22, 2014 at 01:51 PM

DS

“ Dr. Deborah Bernay and Staff purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dr. Richard Wayne Tyer MD.



Dr. Deborah Bernay and Staff - October 22, 2014 at 01:40 PM

JG

“ Janice G. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Richard Wayne Tyer MD.



Janice G. - October 22, 2014 at 01:13 PM

KW

“ Karen and John Williams purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Richard Wayne Tyer MD.



Karen and John Williams - October 22, 2014 at 11:52 AM

CC

“ Central Texas Neurology Consultants purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Dr. Richard Wayne Tyer MD.



Central Texas Neurology Consultants - October 22, 2014 at 11:18 AM

WS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Tyer Family. Romans 8:28 comes to mind today, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

William H. Stone Family

William Stone - October 22, 2014 at 09:53 AM

KT

“ There are no words to express my feelings at the loss of my brother. We were raised in a close family and often in difficult times. We were taught to protect and love each other and taught to respect and have concern for all people. He was my special friend and confident in all things. His loss leaves a very empty space in my heart. I feel he was spiritually prepared to leave us and that makes a me a little less sad.

Love you Brother Ken Tyer

Kenneth Tyer-brother - October 22, 2014 at 08:42 AM

BC

“ Dr. Tyer was my doctor for 41 years, during which I also entrusted my husband and kids to his care. He had the most wonderful manner of putting his patients at ease. Warm humor mixed with kindness and concern. He will be greatly missed !
Our prayers for his family and staff.

Barbara and Pete Clayton - October 22, 2014 at 07:47 AM

KG

“ *Kim gomez ,
I have been Dr d hopping and family s hairdresser sense 1983
everyone of them are like family, so I have known Dr Richard and
(sweet mama) for that long , he will be truly missed everyday and at
events ,family get togethers, but I no he will still be there with
everybody everyday looking down , prayers are with the hole family
.Lord be with all of you at this time.*

kimberly gomez - October 21, 2014 at 10:34 PM

MF

“ *So sorry to hear of Dr Tyer's passing. Prayers for all of you.*

Mary Jane Fitzgerald - October 21, 2014 at 10:09 PM

ST

“ *Dr. Tyer was one of a kind. He was so caring and genuine and one
of the best "teachers". He could make the most complex medical
condition seem simple! My deepest sympathy. He will missed by all
who knew him.*

shirley thomas - October 21, 2014 at 09:40 PM

KB

“ *I remember Dr Tyer putting stiches in my head when I was in junior
high school. It had to be shortly after moving to Tyler when he was
with Drs Jones and Neil. After finishing, he gave me 50 cents and
suggest my Dad take me for ice cream. Will miss seeing him.
Renee, you and your family are in my prayers.*

Kathryn Carney Blalock

Kathryn Carney Blalock - October 21, 2014 at 09:22 PM

NR

“ I Love you Uncle Rich! I will cherish the memories I have with you always.
With Love from all our Hearts.
Nathan Rosamond.

Nathan Rosamond - October 21, 2014 at 09:03 PM

LP

“ What blessings Dr. Tyer had for us as patients for 40 years. not once did he misdiagnose.
He was an amazing caring man, so personable, shared his God given talents to so many.
Prayers to the family and to his work family. What a great team you three have been.
Royce & Linda Pelham

Linda Pelham - October 21, 2014 at 08:51 PM

DT

“ Ken and I are extremely saddened to hear of Dr. Tyer's passing. He was our family doctor for 41 years and has been through a lot with us. He was genuinely caring, thoughtful and so very knowledgeable about medicine. I loved hearing his stories of growing up in that one room school house and antics with his brother. He loved life, family and was a life long learner. I will miss his smile, advice and his help.

Diana and Ken Taylor - October 21, 2014 at 07:13 PM

AL

“ Mary Lou, Desiree, Rene, Richard, and Michelle-as you know I was Dr. Tyer's first office nurse when he came to Tyler, Texas-Always had a great smile and I learned everything I know now in the medical field -he was a great teacher as well-I very saddened by your loss-I'm glad I ran into him and was able to visit and get caught up recently-You all are in my thoughts and prayers Alexis

Alexis LeBlanc - October 21, 2014 at 06:33 PM

DH

“ Dr. Tyer was our family physician for 3 generations. He was so special to our family and was a pivotal part of treatment for so many of us. His loss will be felt by all of those who knew him as doctor and friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary Lou & the entire family, as well as Glenda & Alma, his work family.

Debbe & Charles Hill - October 21, 2014 at 10:56 AM

EH

“ Dr. Tyer had such a brilliant mind and wisdom beyond his years. I loved hearing all his stories about his childhood and adventures he'd been on along the way. He touched my life as a doctor and as a caring friend. He took care of 3 generations of my family - my grandmother (who he joins in Heaven), my mother, and myself. He will be missed.

Erin Hitt

Erin Hitt - October 21, 2014 at 10:49 AM

AP

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Dr Tyer will be truly missed in this community. He served as physician for four generations of my family. His advice was more than just medical, he truly treated the whole person. I'm praying for your family, we share in your loss today.

Angie Powers - October 21, 2014 at 10:11 AM

TJ

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Dr.tyer was the greatest doctor ever , if not for him I probably wouldn't be here today . He has saved me more than once and I dont know what I will do without him . He was more than just a doctor to me and my dad , he was family and we loved him very , very much. I'm going to miss him so much and I'll never forget him !!!!... I'll be praying for your family and again , I am so, so sorry ... He was a wonderful man !!!



Teresa Jones - October 21, 2014 at 09:27 AM

PC

“ Mary Lou & Renee,
Karen and I were very sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Peace be with you.
Pat

Pat Clifford - October 21, 2014 at 08:04 AM

BE

“ We are so sorry to learn of your loss. Doc has been such a big part of our childrens lives at TKG and friend to us. Please know that the Tures family is keeping him and you all in our prayers.
Larry, Bernie, George, Sandy, Bob, Sue and Sharon

bernie - October 21, 2014 at 07:35 AM

HH

“ *I am so sorry for you loss- you are in my prayers
Holly Heck harrell*

Holly Harrell - October 20, 2014 at 03:10 PM

KG

“ *Aunt Mary Lou, Desi, Renee, Richard and Michelle - My prayers and heart go out to you. Even though Uncle Rich has gone to a better place, his presence will be missed here. I am sad that I have not seen him or each of you in quite sometime and now I will see you during a sad occasion. Just remember I love each of you and will see you soon. I know God will grant you peace during this time.*

Love, Kendra

Kendra Griffin - October 20, 2014 at 02:04 PM

AH

Dr. Richad Tyer leaves an example to all that knew him of a great teacher, consultant, and friend. His brilliant knowledge of the Art of Medicine that he loved was joined to a deep joy of sharing it with his patients. He left an indelible and deep mark on the lives of my family for 20 years. On my last checkup visit, I asked him if he planned to retire at any future time, He replied that he wanted to practice medicine until his last day..and that is exactly what he did! A shining example of an inspiring doctor and friend! Our family sends our deep condolences to his family.

Ann Heiligman Saslav

AHSaslav@aol.com - October 31, 2014 at 04:32 AM