



Robert L. Stokes

August 4, 1927 - October 5, 2014

Robert L. Stokes, "Big Robert", as he was known by family and friends, died peacefully Sunday morning, October 5, 2014 at the The Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. Services will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2014, at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Jay Lockhart officiating.

Burial will be held at Cathedral in the Pines under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Robert was a member of West Erwin Church of Christ and Gladewater Ex-students Association. He was born on August 4, 1927, in Gladewater to Charlie and Wardie Stokes. After graduation from Gladewater High School, he joined the Merchant Marines. Completion of service found him traveling to Houston to attend mortuary school where he became the youngest certified mortician in the state of Texas. His 1944 marriage to Patricia Ann Cloud produced three daughters, Jann, Ann and Isha. In 1955, he began his career in the oil service industry with Haliburton, Welex, Trainer Surveys and Go Wireline Services.

In 1963, he moved the family to Luling and started a wireline service company which he sold in 1978. "Big Robert" and Patsy then moved back to Tyler to start Heritage Wireline Services with his son-in-law, Paul Myrick.

Robert was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Patricia Cloud Stokes; parents Charlie and Wardie Stokes; and brothers Jack and Norman Stokes. Survivors include daughters Jann Bogenschutz Salyer and husband Fred of Longview, Ann Binford and husband Weston of Austin, and Isha Myrick and

husband Paul of Tyler; Grandchildren Jennifer Diaz and husband Chaco, Jena Darrah and husband Nick, Jared Bogenschutz and wife Tina, Trey Binford and wife Lale, Jason Binford and wife Lauren, Amber Denny and husband Matt, Justin Binford, Tyler Binford, Kristi Wiggins and husband Curtis, Angie Daughtry and husband Brad, Cindy Myrick, Robert Myrick and wife Kelly and Paul Wesley Myrick and wife Elizabeth; 23 great-grandchildren; brothers-in-law David Knotts of Shreveport, LA, and George Cloud of Lake Devernia; special friends and caretakers Edward Reese, Ronnie Calloway and Darlene Cook; numerous nieces and nephews and hundreds of friends. A special thank you goes to the staff on 3wc at ETMC and The Hospice of East Texas Home Place.

Robert loved his family and never met a stranger. We will miss hearing his whistling, his beautiful singing, the special little things he did for each one of us, the wonderful pickles he made, his special Christmas books, and his red socks. We love you. God now has a very special angel.

Grandsons Jared Bogenschutz, Trey Binford, Jason Binford, Justin Binford, Tyler Binford, Robert Myrick, Paul Wesley Myrick, Curtis Wiggins and Brad Daughtry will serve as pallbearers.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, 75701.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to one of Robert's favorite charities: The Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler 75701; Christian Homes and Family Services, 5476 Hollytree Drive, Tyler 75703; or West Erwin Church of Christ Benevolence Center, 420 W. Erwin St., Tyler, 75702.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

OCT 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert L. Stokes.*



October 08, 2014 at 02:59 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert L. Stokes.*



October 08, 2014 at 02:15 PM



“ *Big Robert was a good man with lots of stories,he loved his model cars,pickles,red socks, but his family was Everything to him. I was blessed to know him and love him, my prayers are with all of the family.*

Robbie Thomas - October 08, 2014 at 08:01 AM

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“ Dear Friend Robert: You will be truly missed by all of us at Gladewater Former Students Assoc. and by me, Your yearly memorial calendars were so special to me, and I have them all - now they are even more important. When you were on my board when I was president, you were always the level-headed one and could be counted on to make all of our meetings "fun." Love you always and will miss you forever.

Sherry Waggoner Beall

SHERRY WAGGONER BEALL - October 08, 2014 at 08:00 AM



“ Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Robert L. Stokes.



October 07, 2014 at 12:54 PM

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“ Thoughts & Prayers are with the family during this time.
Roy & Janice Chambers

Roy Chambers - October 06, 2014 at 09:50 PM

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“ I was very sorry to hear of Big Robert's passing. He was a great man that shared many stories over the years. I still have my Coca-Cola bottle salt & pepper shakers. It was clear for all to see, that he loved his family dearly. Our prayers are with you at this time.

Trevor Spizzirri - October 06, 2014 at 01:40 PM