



Royce Harold Bullard

August 29, 1938 - August 21, 2017

Memorial services will be held Thursday, August 24th at 10:00 AM at the Emerald Bay Community Church, Bullard, Texas.

Royce Harold Bullard, 78, passed away Monday, August 21, 2017 in Tyler, and he was born August 29, 1938 in Dunbar, Texas to Archie Edward Bullard and Lottie Harvey Bullard. He was a proud graduate of London High School, New London, Texas the class of 1957.

He married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Wheelis on June 4, 1960, at London Baptist Church, New London, TX. At that time he worked at Thikol in Karnack, Texas. They moved to Tyler in 1965 to work for Kelly Springfield. He retired from Goodyear (Kelly Springfield) in August of 1997.

He was preceded in death by his parents Archie and Lottie Bullard, his grandparents, Mabel and Edward Mays.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia (Trish) and children Teresa Hubbell (Judd) of Tyler; Tracey Young of Lavon, TX; Scott Bullard (Stefanie) of New Braunfels; Papaw's favorite grandson Joshua Young (Crystal) of Wylie, and granddaughters Papaw's "beautiful babies", Halle Bullard and Hanna Bullard of New Braunfels; and Papaw's great-granddaughter Ivy Grace Young (whom he called Peanut) of Wylie, Texas and Aunt Margie Harvey and Cousin Dale Harvey who reside in Emory, TX.

Honorary Pallbearers are Gary Gibson, Jack Compton, Larry Hodge, Buddy Kelly, Lee Wheelis, David Wheelis, Thomas Fields and Judd Hubbell.

Royce loved God and his family, drag racing, golf (Jack Nicklaus), fishing,

watching the Cowboys and Texas Rangers, chicken fried steak and a '55 black two door hard top Chevy Bel Aire, with a 265 cam with 4 on the floor and racing clutch. Not necessarily in that order.

His favorite place on earth was the #16 hole at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, where it is remembered that he slipped a golf ball in the pond with his children's name on it.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donation to the Salvation Army, 633 N. Broadway, Tyler, TX 75702, London Museum or College Fund, P.O. Box 477, New London, Texas, Emerald Bay Community Church, 160 La Salle Rd., Bullard, TX 75757 or a charity of your choice.

Good Bye Papaw, we LOVE you and miss you!

Previous Events

Mem. Service

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Emerald Bay Community Church
160 La Salle Rd
Bullard, TX 75757

Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Royce Harold Bullard*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 23, 2017 at 11:30 AM

MV

“ *Dear Pat and Family,*
I had the great fortune to work with Royce at Kelly-Springfield and become his friend. He had the worst shift rotation since the others had seniority, and my favorite saying of his was "I better not mess this up or they'll put me on some off shift. Oh, they already did." We worked many Sundays and holidays together and got to see the Fourth of July fireworks out the office windows when it used to be at Rose Stadium. I'll never forget the year the Cowboys played in the Super Bowl and Royce brought his little portable TV to work and we watched the game. My favorite memory was the rainbow over Highway 31 that ended in the front yard of the plant. He said "Well, this one doesn't have a pot of gold at the end. Just a pile of rubber." Royce was one of the funniest and kindest people I knew and it was such a privilege to be friends with him.

Marty Vess

Marty Vess - August 25, 2017 at 08:55 AM

SD

“ Hello Patricia and family, I am so sorry for your loss and for the loss of one of our dearest friends from the Class of 1957, London High School. I still have the last Wildcat "Newspaper" from our senior year. We were each to write our ambitions for the future in that last issue. Royce wrote his ambition: "To marry Wheelis." You must know you were so loved for so many years by this wonderful man!

Royce was our class president and a calming personage when the boys were fighting the girls over which class ring to get (girls won!). He was always so respectful of everyone and especially our room mothers--which he mentioned to us many times as he attended as many of our moms' services as possible. We love you all and miss our leader in the Class of 1957, London High School. Love, Sandra McNulty Drake

Sandra McNulty Drake - August 23, 2017 at 10:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Royce Harold Bullard.



August 23, 2017 at 09:13 PM

TP

“ Tricia Cooper, Ashley and Peyton purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Royce Harold Bullard.



Tricia Cooper, Ashley and Peyton - August 23, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ 54 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 23, 2017 at 09:37 AM

PS

“ *Pat and family: So sorry to hear of the death of Royce. He was a great guy and truly will be missed. We will not be able to attend the memorial service but will be praying for strength and peace for all of you.*

In His love, John and Peggy Suggs

Peggy Suggs - August 23, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Royce Harold Bullard.*



August 22, 2017 at 06:49 PM

SP

“ *I am so sorry to hear this about my fun traveling buddy.*
Sue Plummer

Sue Plummer - August 22, 2017 at 12:00 PM