



Stephen Ray Boyd

November 3, 1953 - September 6, 2014

Services for Stephen Ray Boyd, 60, of Tyler, will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, at 2:30 PM, at Westwood Baptist Church with Rev. Ron Moore and Rev. Tom Crawford officiating.

Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Boyd passed away Saturday, September 6, 2014, in Tyler after a long battle with cancer.

He was born November 3, 1953 in Tyler to Bobby Ray and Mildred Ann Rayford Boyd. He was a 1972 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and attended Tyler Junior College.

Steve began working at Dunn Transmissions in Tyler at the age of 16 and remained employed there 40-plus years until his health forced him to retire in 2011. In his work and personal relationships, he never met a stranger and was well-known for his handlebar mustache. He loved to tell jokes and was always willing to help others with their car repairs, whether at work or home. He dearly loved his family and told them so every day.

Steve was a member of Westwood Baptist Church, where he worked in the children's department and kitchen for many years. He lived a big portion of his childhood and teenage years on Lake Tyler, where water skiing was his passion and he was well known for skiing barefoot. Later in life, he spent many Sundays after church golfing or fishing with his boss, Ewell Dickerson. Steve was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred Ann Boyd and brother,

Matthew Boyd.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 36 years, Suzanne Stagner Boyd of Tyler; son, Scott Boyd of Austin; daughters, Sheriann Boyd and Sara Boyd, both of Tyler; father, Bobby Boyd of Tyler; sisters, Florita Boyd of Allen, Debbie Harris and husband Mike of Whitehouse, Theresa Waldon and husband Phil of Georgetown and Patty Boyd of Ft. Worth; father and mother-in-law Bob Stagner and wife Carolyn of Tyler; brother-in-laws Steve Stagner and wife Lisa of Austin and Stuart Stagner and wife Sue Ann of Las Colinas; eight nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Pallbearers will be Mike Collins, Steve Dowell, Randy Robinson, Charles Plyler, Mike Harris, Dan Higgins, Duane Cooper and Gerry McCrary.

Honorary pallbearers will be the Dunn Transmissions staff.

Thank you to Margie Jackson for all of your love and care for Steve in his final year with us.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler. If desired, memorials may be made to the children's ministry at Westwood Baptist Church, 820 NNW Loop 323, Tyler 75702 or The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701, or NeuroRestorative Texas, 6th floor at UT Health Center, 11937 US Hwy 271, Tyler, TX 75708.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

SEP **10**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Westwood Baptist Church
820 N. Northwest Loop 323
Tyler, TX

Tribute Wall

SK

“ Jerry and I always loved Steve's friendly , caring greeting. We are keeping you, Suzanne and family on our hearts and in our prayers.
Sybil and Jerry Kleam

sybil kleam - September 30, 2014 at 11:41 PM

CA

“ Sorry about your past about Stephen we will miss him he in heaven with Jesus love chad
Albright



chad albright - September 11, 2014 at 05:30 PM



“ Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern was purchased for the family of Stephen Ray Boyd.



September 10, 2014 at 09:41 AM

KT

“ Kathryn Walden, Suzanne O' Rourke and Jim and Kay Turk purchased the Strength & Solace S pray for the family of Stephen Ray Boyd.



Kathryn Walden, Suzanne O' Rourke and Jim and Kay Turk -
September 09, 2014 at 07:03 PM

TH

“ *Thinking about y'all. Much love.*

Tim Harper - September 09, 2014 at 06:30 PM



“ *I used to work at Muffler and Custom next to Dunns and Steve would come over and have coffee with us in the office from time to time and it was always a hoot!*

Scott Noe - September 09, 2014 at 06:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen Ray Boyd.*



September 09, 2014 at 06:15 PM

FR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Boyd family and friends. From all of us at Feller Roofing, we wish you peace to bring comfort, and courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.*

Feller Roofing - September 09, 2014 at 12:15 PM

FR

“ *Feller Roofing lit a candle in memory of Stephen Ray Boyd*



Feller Roofing - September 09, 2014 at 12:07 PM

PK

“ *Our Champion of fun and laughter, and just plain old craziness has left us for a better place. We miss you already dear friend.... But we also know that we have been blessed by your presence on this earth, and we will still be blessed often because of knowing you.. because each time we get together, we tell ANOTHER funny story about you and laugh.... and we always will! Until we meet again... Godspeed Steve.. All our love, Patty (Hearne) and Greg Kirkpatrick*

Patty Kirkpatrick - September 09, 2014 at 11:47 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Ray Boyd.*



September 09, 2014 at 09:48 AM



“ *Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern was purchased for the family of Stephen Ray Boyd.*



September 09, 2014 at 09:31 AM

CP

“ You can tell how great a man is by the way his children love him. Although I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Steve Boyd personally, I've had the pleasure of working with His Daughter for the past 3 years. There is no doubt in my mind he was a great man because I could tell that she and her brother and sister loved him very much and honored him very well. I always enjoy hearing her talk about him. My prayers are with your family.

Love, Christy Parks

Christy Parks - September 09, 2014 at 09:01 AM

PF

“ I remember Steve as a funny, crazy, fun-loving guy that was always ready with a smile and a hug. Steve was a great person and showed loved to everyone he knew. I know he loved his family dearly and they will miss him. You fought a good fight and now you are whole again and I'm sure trying to crack jokes up in heaven. The world was a better place because of people like Steve Boyd. Love, prayers and hugs to Suzanne and the whole family. God bless you all and comfort you during this time.

Love, Paula Fambrough

Paula Fambrough - September 09, 2014 at 08:46 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Ray Boyd.



September 09, 2014 at 08:05 AM

TW

“ When I think of Steve I think of a happy, smiling, friendly, mustache bearing guy. I also think of My Dad. Steve & My dad are alike in a lot of ways. The two of them "donned" the back row of Westwood Baptist Church and have always been there to make people feel welcome.....whether it be by a smile, hello, or usually by telling their latest jokes. I have a lot of fond memories of Steve. When I think of him, it simply makes me smile.

Tonya Wheat - September 09, 2014 at 07:43 AM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Ray Boyd.



September 08, 2014 at 11:11 PM

S-

“ Growing up as a child of a worker at Dunns we grew accustomed to being agitated and picked on when we went to visit our Daddy. To tell the truth we loved it. That is what made all the memories we have today. Among those memories are a strange mustache man that always made us smile and giggle. Knew our names and ask for hugs . Took us for candy out of the machines told us jokes. Still to this day I remember that smile. Rest in peace Steve. Fly High



Shelly Dickerson -McCoy - September 08, 2014 at 10:51 PM

SI

“ When I was a child, I always admired Steve's mustache...it was just so cool! As I grew up, I admired his wife as a leader in our church and a person who taught me many things about Jesus and praising God through music. When I was working full time with small children I asked Suzanne one day how she did it when her children were little. She was quick to respond that she couldn't have made it without Steve's help. I was privileged to work in a children's Sunday School class with him. He loved the kids and had a witty joke for whoever walked by our classroom door on Sunday morning. He loved his God and loved his family. He is truley a man to be admired. His joyous smile will be missed.

sophia Ishmael - September 08, 2014 at 10:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen Ray Boyd.



September 08, 2014 at 09:15 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Stephen Ray Boyd.



September 08, 2014 at 02:49 PM



“ *Sympathy Fruits Abound was purchased for the family of Stephen Ray Boyd.*



September 08, 2014 at 02:25 PM



“ *Although I only knew Steve for about the last three years he has left a lasting impression on me. He was always smiling and enjoying the best life had to offer. He helped to raise three wonderful children, who I am so glad to know and call friends. Steve, you will be missed.*

David Knoten - September 08, 2014 at 02:07 PM

DD

“ Nothing delighted Steve Boyd more than telling a well-timed joke, pulling a prank, or drawing out delight in other people. He had a super power; He could make anything ordinary into something extraordinary--from the sleepy, pre-parade parts of the Rose Parade, where he was a likely to do a doughnut on a golf cart as drive in a straight line, to a slow Monday afternoon at work, Steve reminded everyone around him of the truth that there is no such thing as a normal morning or a boring afternoon. It is all a gift to be enjoyed.

Steve loved people, and there was a sweetness in him that seeped out amid the jokes and antics. He was a rascal, but a rascal who was smart and quick and always irrepressibly fun. And he loved, loved LOVED you all so well, and he knew that he was a lucky man to have the wife and family he had.

I could write more and tell stories, but instead I will just say that there is only one Steve Boyd, and we who knew him will never forget his light, and never think of him without that sparkle in his eye. That was part of the gift he gave everyone, and I am thankful to have experienced him.

David Dickerson - September 08, 2014 at 11:55 AM

SC

“ Steve could always make me laugh. He always had a little joke to play on me or tease me. My somber husband would always smile and laugh when he was around Steve. As his illness progressed he still always had a smile for me. He never failed to ask about our children and compliment us on their growth. He will be remembered as a sweet, caring man who was crazy about his family. Steve and Suzanne are a couple to look up to about the meaning of true commitment and love till the end. He will be greatly missed. The world was more fun with him in it.



Susan Collins - September 08, 2014 at 11:30 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Ray Boyd.



September 08, 2014 at 10:16 AM