



## Temple Rice Holt

August 15, 1935 - December 10, 2020

Temple Rice Holt, age 85 of Tyler, Texas, passed away on December 10, 2020. Temple was born on August 15, 1935 in Tyler, Texas to Gilbert Foy and Florence Yaughn Holt of Tyler. He lived in Tyler throughout his life and graduated from Tyler High School. He married the love of his life, Sylvia Vines Holt, on June 15, 1956. He worked at Red Ball Motor Freight, Trane, and retired after several years of working at his trucking company, Shining Silver Inc. Temple was an active member of First Baptist Church – Gresham. He was also a Past Master of St. John's Masonic Lodge #53, a 32 Degree KCCH Scottish Rite Mason, and was active with many York Rite Masonic fraternities.

Temple was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Leo Holt, and sister, Sue Horstmeier.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 64 years, Sylvia, son, DuWayne Holt of Whitehouse, daughter-in-law, Marsha Holt, and adopted son, Rick Welch and wife, Ann; grandchildren, Jimmi and husband, Marcus Byrd of Tyler, Jammi and husband, Jeremy Medley of Emerald Bay, Madison and Makenzie Holt of Whitehouse, and Dustin LaFaitt of Whitehouse; great-grandchildren, Rylan LaFaitt, Asa and Xander Rodberg, and Ethan, Landen, and Hayden Medley; sisters-in-law, Freeda Holt of Whitehouse, and Martha Nell Camp of Tyler; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Asa Rodberg, Ethan Medley, Hayden Medley, Landen Medley, Jeremy Medley and Dustin LaFaitt. Honorary pallbearers will be Rylan LaFaitt, Xander Rodberg, Marcus Byrd, Rick Welch and Mitch Welch.

Services for Temple will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 2pm at the Stewart Family Funeral Home with Pastor Andrew Douglass of First Baptist Church – Gresham, and Brother Sherman Mayfield officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a memorial contribution in his honor may donate to First Baptist Church – Gresham, 16844 CR 165, Tyler, Tx 75703, or St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 53, 323 W Front St., Tyler, Tx 75702.

# Cemetery Details

## Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

DEC 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Temple Rice Holt



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 15, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Temple Rice Holt



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 14, 2020 at 02:53 PM

MA

*I'm so sorry, Silvia.*

Mary Allen - December 14, 2020 at 05:39 PM

RP

*Beautiful, thank you.*

Ross Pittman - December 14, 2020 at 08:53 PM

BR

*Brother Temple was a great family man and a great Mason.*

Bill Ripple - December 14, 2020 at 08:56 PM

GS

*I love you bunches Sylvia*

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**Glennia Shivers** - December 14, 2020 at 10:43 PM

MT

*I am sorry for your loss. He will be missed by all of us.  
Marilyn Tate*

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**Marilyn Tate** - December 15, 2020 at 12:38 AM

LN

*My dear family my heart breaks in your lose. Uncle Temple was a amazing man. He loved everyone. His smile could light a room up. I will miss him, but he lives forever in our hearts. Love to my dear Aunt Sylvia, and Duwayne as well as all grand children. My prayers, and thoughts are with you all.*

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**Leisa Highton- neice** - December 15, 2020 at 01:43 AM

FL

*Our Sympathy, thoughts and Prayers are with your family Robert (Snowman) and Mary Fletcher*

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**Fletcher** - December 15, 2020 at 01:06 PM

JT

*Temple was a great person. Occasionally, I would see him at the donut shop and talk. He will be missed.*

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**JERRY ARNOLD TERRY** - December 15, 2020 at 01:59 PM

MB

“ I wish I could have been at the service today. What a tribute to such a wonderful cousin. Thinking about you today Sylvia, it's got to be hard to lose your soul mate. I have such wonderful memories of being in Aunt Dorthory's house and you all would come over. Any time I was near Temple he would start running his fingers through my hair. Even though I haven't seen Temple in a few years, he has always been in my thoughts. Love you cousins and see you again one day.

*Malisa Wills Bramblett*

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**Malisa Bramblett** - December 15, 2020 at 08:02 PM

LF

“ There are a lifetime of memories to share but the main thing about Temple (Dad) is he was the example plain and simple. He overwhelmingly impacted the lives he met in a positive way. I will always remember the man I called friend, mentor, example, and most of all, Dad.

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**Libby Fulgham** - December 15, 2020 at 04:22 PM

KL

“ Beautiful service - Our deepest condolences to the family. Uncle Tempie was the most amazing man, and it was a privilege to know him, love him and have him in our lives. We love you all very much!



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**Kellie Ann Langham** - December 15, 2020 at 04:15 PM

Emily  
Carlton

“ Temple was family. I loved his sarcastic sense of humor...it was especially fun to listen to him pick and banter about politics. Like Leslie, I fondly remember him laughing until he cried! He had a contagious laugh...Duwayne is the exact same way! We love all of you so much and wish we could be physically present today to honor Temple's life. We are with you in thought though and are continuing to pray peace over you.

Emily Carlton - December 15, 2020 at 02:44 PM

FL

“ Our Sympathy, thoughts and Prayers are with the family  
Robert (Snowman) & Mary Fletcher



Fletcher - December 15, 2020 at 01:09 PM

LJ

“ I have wonderful memories of Temple at Christmas celebrations. He was soft spoken but when he really got tickled he would laugh until he cried. His love for family was obvious. He doted on his grand girls and could often be found playing with their hair after a big family meal. He loved my dad as his own and we often joked that perhaps Temple WAS his dad. I'm so sorry for your loss Holt family. He was a wonderful man; loved God, loved his family and loved others.

Leslie Johnson - December 15, 2020 at 10:46 AM

DH

“ Temple Holt is my dad and even though we disagreed frequently I had more love and respect for him than he ever knew. My dad came from absolutely nothing but accomplished so much in his life. He may have not had the highest education of others but taught me that you can reach your goals with hard work and common sense because that's what his dad, my granddad, taught him. He was the hardest working person that I've known and did all of this to support the family that he loved so much. Family was the most important thing to my dad. My four daughters and all of the great grandkids were everything to him, but my mom was the love of his life. I will miss all of the quirky things that he did for sure. Going to play golf and spend more time hunting for golf balls than actually playing golf. Weed eating craters around the sprinkler heads and too many others to name. I will miss his belly jiggling when he would laugh after telling a joke or trying to be funny. I will miss him watching his westerns in his man cave that he didn't want but spent most of his time there. I will miss him being there with my mom, or just being there. I miss you dad! I love you dad!

DuWayne Holt - December 15, 2020 at 09:35 AM

RB

Your Dad, our Uncle Temple, was a wonderful person. I remember always coming to your house on Apple Tree Lane. I have wonderful memories of all our families just spending time together. Uncle Temple loved to twirl my hair whenever I was around him. I do t know if he did it to everyone but I played like I didn't like it, but in reality it made me feel special as a little kid. Please know that Joe, Sylvia & I are sending you our prayers. We love you & if you want to reach out in your own tim, we would love to hear from you.

Deepest sympathy,  
Rosanne

Rosanne Blackburn - December 15, 2020 at 12:13 PM

DE

*I love you dear cousin. He is already missed so much. I feel very fortunate to have had him call me the week before he went to the hospital. Always joking, but always caring. And yes, he was a hair twirler, for as long as I can remember. He was a great man, and I know you loved him so very much. My heart is with you and Aunt Sylvia today. It was a great service, and I'm sorry I wasn't there...love you all..Debbie*

Debbie - December 15, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ 44 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 14, 2020 at 02:53 PM

CW

“ *My family lived next door to Temple, Sylvia and DuWayne growing up on Appletree. That was back in the days that neighbors knew all their neighbors and everyone was like family. I remember how Temple loved coaching DuWayne's baseball team. He loved his family. He was a wonderful neighbor and friend. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Sylvia and DuWayne and all of his family. Take comfort in knowing he is not n the presence of the Lord now and will be watching over you from above. ❤️🙏*

Carol Dike Whitehead - December 13, 2020 at 12:01 PM

RP

“ We were so saddened to hear about Temple's passing. We attended First Baptist Gresham with Temple, Sylvia and family for many years and were honored to call them our friends. We are out of town but will be thinking of you and praying for God's peace in the days ahead.

*Nathan & Renee Parker*

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**Renee Parker** - December 13, 2020 at 08:58 AM

MM

“ Peace and blessings to the family of Temple Holt. Temple was my friend and mentor, as a new Shriner he laughed at and with me and certainly made me feel welcome. I was blessed to travel with him to the Shreveport Hospital and many other activities and always enjoyed his quick wit and keen mind. Its hard to find men like Temple, a person I knew to have a true servants heart and love of people. Travel on worthy brother, until we meet again.

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**Mike Murphy** - December 12, 2020 at 11:43 PM

DL

“ My Uncle Temple was an exceptionally wonderful man. He and my Aunt Sylvia have been together so long that I can't imagine one without the other. But I know it was in the plan that God had for them. We don't understand, but we have to accept it. He called me the a few days before he got sick, as he sometimes did. He was always kidding round..But he talked about serious things too. He was so proud of his family. He always made me feel special. He spoke to me for a while. He always checked on my Momma, who is Aunt Sylvia's sister. Then he talked to Mike for a while. They laughed and talked. He cared so much for so many people. He did so many good things for others. Most of all, he loved my Aunt so very much. (I love you Aunt Sylvia). He was so full of life. It's hard to comprehend that he's gone. I know the rest of the family is hurting too...my heart hurts for you all. My heart hurts. Just remember...He loved you and wouldn't want you to hurt. Remember his smile..his jokes...his caring... I miss you Uncle Temple. You'll always be in my heart.

*PS. Tell my Daddy I love and miss him.*

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**Debbie Lopeman** - December 12, 2020 at 09:25 PM

CB

*Sylvia, I am so sorry to learn of Temple's passing. I met him, not as your husband, but when he delivered supplies every week. Man, he could drive that big truck and put it in the tiniest spaces. But, when he couldn't get into our parking lot he just parked in the middle of South Broadway and loaded up the cart and hauled it in. I always was amused at how efficient he was. I always liked to see that big truck pull up and Temple jump out. He didn't waste time but always had time to talk for a couple of minutes.*

*Temple will be missed. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Carolyn Batten** - December 13, 2020 at 09:13 AM

DL

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Debbie Lopeman** - December 12, 2020 at 09:01 PM

JG

“ Toni and I loved him. Our friend. Temple and I never gave the other a break. People may have thought we were mad at each other because we were always picking. Temple would call and start the conversation "I called to harass you". I would reply "Bring it on Big Boy". Temple always enjoyed talking with Toni before ending the call because she always sided with him. Our last opportunity to talk with Temple was a couple days in the hospital and he called to "update me on how he was doing". On ending the call, Toni told Temple we loved him and I yelled out "I don't love that 'Old S\_\_\_'". Temple was laughing and coughing so hard he had to hang up. He knew I loved him. We will miss Temple Holt. A one of a kind Gentleman.

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**Jerry Gaiser** - December 12, 2020 at 12:51 PM

GS

Sylvia,  
I'm very proud we have crossed paths again. Thank you for all the wonderful stories you could me about my grandparents and the message you told me from my. Well I wanted you to know your kindness and love has been a true blessing to me.. Thank you!! May help and guide you through your loss your a very strong lady and he was wonderful I see. You was truly blessed beyond measures. May love goes out to you and your family with my deepest condolences. Love always Glennia

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**Glennia Shivers** - December 12, 2020 at 08:41 PM

CW

“ So sorry to hear of Temple's death. Good guy and we always enjoyed visiting with him at FBC Gresham. Condolences to Sylvia and family.

*Charlene Warren*

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**Charlene B Warren** - December 12, 2020 at 11:53 AM

FK

“ Temple Holt was a dear friend. He and my deceased husband were friends since childhood and remained good friends and Masonic brothers.

*Prayers for comfort and peace for Sylvia and the rest of the Holt family.*

*Frances Layne King*

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**Frances Layne King** - December 12, 2020 at 11:11 AM

WW

*I'm proud to say that I knew Temple. He and I worked together for many years at Red Ball Motor Freight. I'm sorry to hear about his passing. Prayers to his family God Bless.*

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**Wayne Whitaker** - December 13, 2020 at 01:14 PM

MT

*DuWayne,  
I was sad to hear of your father's passing. Reading the above tributes he sounds like a great guy. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your loved ones in the coming days. I look forward to our next get together.*

*Mark Tapp*

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**Mark Tapp** - December 14, 2020 at 08:51 PM