



Thomas Connally

February 16, 1936 - April 24, 2012

A memorial service for Thomas R. Connally, of Tyler is scheduled for Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 2:00 PM, at First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Stuart Baskin officiating. Visitation with family will be held at the church immediately following the service. Arrangements are with Stewart Family Funeral Home. Tom was born February 16, 1936 in Bartlett to W.L. and M. Ilene Hart Connally. A graduate of Tyler High School in 1952, Tom obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Baylor University in 1956 and his Doctorate of Dental Surgery from Baylor College of Dentistry in 1958. Tom served as Captain in the United States Air Force, stationed at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina before returning to Tyler in 1961 to open his dental office practicing dentistry for a total of 40 years. In the early 1970's, in service to the city he loved, Tom was elected to the Tyler City Council serving as Mayor of Tyler during his term as chairman of the Council. He also served on the Planning and Zoning Commission. He was an active member of First Presbyterian Church. Tom attended Bible Study Fellowship for many years where his strong faith was shepherded under the leadership of Dr. Craig Radford. Tom loved the Colorado Rocky Mountains, the Florida Panhandle beaches, gardening and a competitive game of Hearts with his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Pat Connally. Tom is survived by his loving family including his wife of 28 years, Dorothy Connally of Tyler; daughters, Cheryl Sanders and husband Kelly of Tyler, Julia Sedate and husband Shawn of Anthem, AZ and Lisa Lambeth; sister, Nan Barnes

and husband Alan of Tyler; sister-in-law, Aletha Nelligan and husband Pete of Modesto, CA. He was known and loved as Docky to grandson Thomas Browning, wife Leslie and great-granddaughter Mallory, all of Big Bear City, CA; grandson Phillip Sanders and wife Rebecca of Dallas; granddaughter, Claire Sedate of Waco and grandson Kyle Sedate of Anthem, AZ; great nieces Ruby and Lily Pridgen of Tyler; and many extended family members. If desired, memorials may be made to Bible Study Fellowship, 19007 Huebner Road, San Antonio, 78258; First Presbyterian Church, 230 W. Rusk, Tyler, 75701; or the Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, 75703.

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Thank you, Tom, for bring a wonderful big brother to Nan, who often relied upon you during rough times on numerous occasions during childhood and during adulthood. You were the role model who served as a guide to her after her father and mother passed away. You were protective, nurturing, and always treated her with respect, giving her the love you both learned from your Heavenly Father. Thank you for standing in as her father during our wedding and reminding me of the treasure that had been given to me. I love you as much as I do/did my other brothers.
Respectfully,
Alan Barnes

Alan Barnes - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thomas Connally*

April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Cheryl:

I'm so sorry about the loss of your father.

Gayle Helms

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TB

“ Dorothy, so very sorry to read about Dr. Connally and want you to know you are being thought of and remembered with love and prayers.

Terri Taft Burluson - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FL

“*Nan, it seems Tom was a respected dentist, civic-minded citizen, loving family man, and your hero. More importantly, he loved and followed Jesus! That is his living legacy, and is what, I know, gives you joy in knowing this separation from your beloved big brother is just for a moment. I love you.*

Flo Limehouse - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“*We send our respect and love during this sad time. Tom was a perfect example in all he did.*

Joe and Charly* Sartor - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HW

“*I know your hearts are heavy with the loss of Dr. Tom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God keep you close during this difficult time.*

*Love,
Tony & Hollie Ward*

Hollie Jones Ward - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“*I remember Tom always had a friendly smile and handshake. He seemed to be glad to see you. May God comfort his family during this time.*

Jeff Jones - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ *Our prayers are with you. I know Tom will be deeply missed, but we take comfort in he has no more pain or suffering. He is with our heavingly Father and we willsee him again one day.*

Richard & Brenda Yancy - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *TOM WAS A WONDERFUL FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR. I WIOLL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE DAILY WALKS WITH TOM AND CARL STROOPE. LATER WE STARTED OUR THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS. TOM LOVED TO GIVE US GUIDED TOURS AROUND TYLER . TOM WAS A TRUE TEXAS GENTLEMAN (WITH A LITTLE DENVER THROWN IN). OUR PRAYERS GO WITH ALL FAMILY MEMBERS.*

JERRY D. BUCKLEW - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Dear ones, our hearts are with you all. We will be unable to be with you in person Sunday but we will be with you in spirit.*

Eddie and Carol Maddox - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Tom was not only our Best Man at our wedding in 1954, he was, also, a best friend. We, already, miss him. To quote a comment from Roy lessin, we think this fits Tom best

"The Impact of One Life"

"When a stone is dropped int a lake, it quickly disappears from sight, but its impact leaves behind a series of ripples that broaden and reach across the water. In the same way, the impact of one life lived for Christ will leave behind an influence for good that will reach the lives of many others."

Tom's ripples will go on through eternity!

God Bless you Dorothy, and all of Tom's family! We cannot be there tomorrow, but we will be there in spirit!

Bob and Polly Powers - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I am sorry for your loss. Dr. Connally was my dentist in the 1960s.

Jerry Kline - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM