



Thomas Leon Edmonds

May 18, 1943 - July 15, 2020

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on July 30, 2021 at Stewart Family Funeral Home for Thomas Leon “Bud” Edmonds, 77, of Tyler.

Mr. Edmonds passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2020 in Tyler as a result of the COVID-19 virus. He was born May 18, 1943 in Wichita Falls, Texas to Rufus Haskell Edmonds and Lou Emma Burge Edmonds.

Mr. Edmonds was a graduate of Wichita Falls High School, and Decatur Baptist College, with graduate degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and East Texas State University. He was an ordained Southern Baptist minister and pastored churches in Red Springs, Dean, Mansfield, and Grand Prairie. He also served on the mission field, pastoring a church in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Mr. Edmonds also served as a principal in the Grand Prairie Independent School District, and retired as a vocational education teacher at John Tyler High School. He continued working after retirement with East Texas Auto Auction.

Thomas was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Kathryn Myres Edmonds and his second wife, Cindy Sides Edmonds. He is survived by his loving family including his sister, Beverly Downs, of Pearland, Texas; his children, Curtis Edmonds of Hillsborough, New Jersey and Missy Steger of Grand Prairie, Texas; his stepchildren, Bryan and Tyler Toombs; and seven

grandchildren, Trevor Rowe of Arlington, Texas, Kathryn and Stephanie Edmonds of Hillsborough, New Jersey, Courtney Toombs of Dallas, and Connor, Camille, and Cayden Toombs of Royse City. He is also survived by a niece, Lori Kluesner of Pearland, and a nephew, Jody Downs of Pearland.

If desired, memorials may be made to the First Tee of Greater Tyler, at <https://www.firstteegreatert Tyler.org/ways-to-give/>.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Leon Edmonds



Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 29, 2021 at 06:17 PM



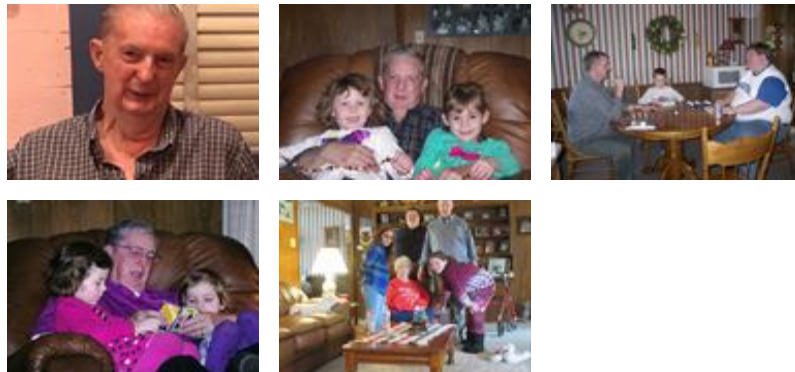
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Leon Edmonds.



July 29, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ 73 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 29, 2021 at 06:15 PM

ES

“ It was my honor to know both Kathy and Bud from Decatur and Grand Prairie. He was special and will be missed

Ed Strickland - July 28, 2021 at 08:55 PM

GS

“ I am proud to say that I am able to call Bud one of my most cherished friends! Very intelligent, very witty and always a pleasure to be around! A gentleman's gentleman! My heart felt wishes to the family of my buddy, Bud!
Greg Sever

Greg Sever - July 25, 2021 at 07:46 PM

SB

“ My sincere condolences to the family. I feel like I know his family even though I only met Missy and Mark. He talked about you all the time and loved each of you dearly. Bud was one of a kind and had a saying that matched every occasion.
I met Bud while teaching at John Tyler. We started hanging out in December and I miss him a lot. I can't believe he is gone but it is a journey we all must take and each of us alone. It's all part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home.

Sharon Bailey - August 19, 2020 at 12:11 PM

SM

“ I got to be around Mr. Bud for 20 months while working at GTAA. He was a very kind and gentle man. It was my honor to call him friend. He will be missed. I am sure he has had great reunions in heaven.

Stacey Maier - July 18, 2020 at 10:23 PM

JA

“ Really good man. Will be missed. He is a what I call a no doubter. No doubt he is in heaven and singing praises.

Jackie Gordon.

jackie - July 18, 2020 at 06:44 PM

WC

“ My sincere condolences to the family . Bud was a fine man,a true gentleman. He had many admirable qualities . He was a man who loved his family, was positive in attitude, liked by all, was wise, loyal, a Christian, and will be missed by many . Wayne Cook

wayne cook - July 18, 2020 at 01:29 PM

SM

“ I've known Bud for several years (Greater Tyler Auto Auction)... Truly enjoyed all those years. Bud will certainly be missed by all. I didn't get the chance to send my home baked goodies with you,,,you left us too soon..My heartfelt thoughts, love and prayers are with all the family. Here at GTAA, we were all family.....Love and prayers yo all!

Sue Matthews

Sue Matthews - July 18, 2020 at 12:37 PM

CT

“ We lived next door to Bud for almost 30 years and we will miss him greatly. A nicer neighbor would be hard to find. Marshall and Carol Treadwell

carol treadwell - July 18, 2020 at 11:13 AM



I worked with Bud at John Tyler High School for many years. He was a friendly person, a good teacher and was enjoyable to work with. Extending heartfelt condolences to his family members.

Ora J. Taylor - July 18, 2020 at 03:04 PM

BT

“ *One of if not the greatest man I’ve ever known. Everything I know how to do with my hands, fix, build, Southern Engineer things as he calls it I learned from him. He was a positive influence in so many lives and he took tremendous care of my mom. Bud is greatly loved and will be missed tremendously!*

Bryan Toombs - July 18, 2020 at 01:07 AM

ME

“ *Bud once told me he was fishing in Canada, and it was freezing cold. The way to dispatch the fish was to hit it in the noggin with a small bat. Bud had his fish and was going to do the deed, rared back and smacked what was supposed to be the fish, but he missed and hit his own hand he said he looked at his hand and passed out as cold as the fish should have been. Bud was a good man and will be missed. Mark Edwards*

Mark Edwards - July 17, 2020 at 10:56 PM

GS

“ *Bud was my good friend and co-worker for several years at GTAA . I will really miss him and our conversations! A really fine gentleman! My sincere condolences to his family.*
Greg Sever

Greg Sever - July 17, 2020 at 09:04 PM