



## Thomas Enteman

June 2, 1940 - July 14, 2016

On the afternoon of Thursday July 14, 2016, Thomas Enteman, following a valiant battle against cancer and surrounded by his beloved wife and daughters, passed from this life into the presence of His Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Visitation with Tom's family will be on Sunday from 4-6 pm at Stewart Family Funeral Home, Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Tx. Memorial Service will be at 2 pm on Monday, also at the funeral home, officiated by Rev. Jim Wright, retired minister and Rev. Phil Auxier, Tom's nephew. Graveside services will be on Tuesday at 10:30 am at Centuries Memorial Funeral Home in Shreveport, Louisiana, officiated by Rev. Auxier. The family will greet friends in Centuries lounge area following service at grave. (A webcast of Tom's memorial service on Monday will be available for viewing at the Stewart Funeral Home's website.)

Tom was born on June 2, 1940 in East St. Louis, Illinois. Reared by his maternal grandparents, his life was marked by the strong influence of his grandfather, who died when Tom was only 11. After high school, Tom joined the Marines and proudly served. Though he returned to his civilian life, in his heart of hearts he was always A Marine, serving in Okinawa, and after, remaining a staunch patriot. He went on to graduate from Southern Illinois University with a master's degree in engineering. There he met Patricia Lemay, who would become his wife. Tom retired after 26 years from a career with General Motors in 1992.

Beside proud years as a United State Marine and working for an American manufacturer, Tom's proudest achievement was his 3 children. Having experienced a difficult childhood, it was of utmost importance to him to be validly invested in their lives. He fostered their spiritual development by accompanying them to worship & activities at Brookwood Baptist Church. His children, along with many young, female, South Shreveport softball players of the 80s/90s, would testify to his positive influence in their lives as dad, coach, mentor, friend. Many young people from those years remain connected to the Enteman family today, remembering an always open door, warm hospitality, and good times. He and Pat were such a complimentary balance that friends of all ages sought their company, visiting & traveling with them across the years. As with their children, they gladly did the necessary work to maintain friendships. In more recent years Tom's grandchildren, Jordan and Ava, have been blessed to have their dearly loved grandfather as strong influence. His loss will be profoundly felt by them. Once again he became an active participant in their spiritual lives at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Tx., where he faithfully worshipped, developed new friendships to include several fellow marines. He supported his grandchildren's endeavors, academically & sports-wise. All who new Tom well came to appreciate his sharp, straight-faced wit, ever ready to make folks smile. His analytical, engineer mind guided most of what he accomplished in this life. He was the proverbial planner. He was an avid reader, a passionate sport's fan, and a phenomenal friend. His absence here will be felt by many.

Another marker in Tom's life was the loss of his and Pat's only son, Chad, in a car accident in 1991. Those close to Tom and Pat were acutely aware of their depth of grief over this untimely death and impressed beyond words at their honest & elegant handling as time passed.

Those who precede Tom in death are his grandparents; his mother, Vera Baugh Enteman; and his son, Chad (no doubt, waiting at The Gate). Left to cherish good memories are his wife, Patricia Lemay Enteman; daughters, Krista Enteman Brock and Stefani Enteman; grandchildren Jordan, Ava, Aaron, and Randon; sister-in-law, Linda Lemay Auxier; brother-in-law, Carl Lemay; and many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Those wishing to make a memorial to Tom's memory are invited to do so to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Tx. 75701 or to a charity of your choosing.

# Cemetery Details

## Centuries Memorial Park Cemetery

8801 Mansfield Rd.  
Shreveport, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

JUL 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Thomas Enteman*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - July 18, 2016 at 01:57 PM

LH

“ *Leon & Joyce Hammack lit a candle in memory of Thomas Enteman*



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**Leon & Joyce Hammack** - July 18, 2016 at 02:50 PM

JU

“ *We are saddened by the passing of Tom. There are many memories that we shared with him and this wonderful family, both happy and sad. We love all of you and are praying for you.  
We love you,  
Don and Judy Johnson*



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**Judy** - July 18, 2016 at 02:24 PM

DP

“ *Diane And Cliff Pigman lit a candle in memory of Thomas Enteman*



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**Diane and Cliff Pigman** - July 18, 2016 at 10:57 AM

JJ

“ *We share in your loss of Tom but we live with the memories of his laugh, stories, and downright orneriness!! God is so good! He will show His love to you through the acts of kindness of your family and friends. Please be willing to accept it! We love you Pat, Krista and Stephani!*

*Tom and Judy Ivey*

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**Judy Ivey** - July 18, 2016 at 07:31 AM



“ *Tom's laugh will be the thing I remember the most. I would get so tickled at the crazy things Chad, John Wilson, Brad Thomas and my self would do - he could not stop laughing. He had such a big, hearty laugh in those times. He was like a second father to me - and many of Chad's friends. To say that he will be missed is an understatement.*

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**Christopher Elrod** - July 17, 2016 at 05:51 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Thomas Enteman.*



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July 17, 2016 at 05:20 PM

JT

“ Pat, we are so sorry for your earthly loss. Thankful that Tom is completely healed with no further suffering and that you will see him again in heaven. I am sorry we did not have an opportunity to meet such a great guy. Our prayers are with you and your family as you face the days ahead. Frank and Jean Randall Turner

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**Jean Turner** - July 17, 2016 at 04:09 PM



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



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July 17, 2016 at 03:54 PM

LT

“ Love you Lara, Ginger, Kris and Team purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Thomas Enteman.



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**Love you Lara, Ginger, Kris and Team** - July 17, 2016 at 09:21 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Enteman.



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July 16, 2016 at 11:46 PM

TK

“ *Thelma Price, Judy, Jean & John, Jim & Kathleen purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Thomas Enteman.*



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**Thelma Price, Judy, Jean & John, Jim & Kathleen** - July 16, 2016 at 11:42 PM

CH

“ *So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Praying for the family. Carole and Ed Hartfield*

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**Carole and Ed Hartfield** - July 16, 2016 at 08:00 PM

JW

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. - John Wilson*

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**john wilson** - July 16, 2016 at 07:48 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Enteman.*



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July 16, 2016 at 05:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Enteman.*



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July 16, 2016 at 10:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Enteman.* ”



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July 15, 2016 at 03:07 PM