



## Thomas Eugene Perryman

July 16, 1927 - January 11, 2018

Services for Thomas Eugene Perryman, 90, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 with a visitation and a celebration of life service at the Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler, Texas with Dr. Bill White officiating and under the direction of the Stewart Family Funeral Home. Tom Perryman passed away peacefully Thursday, January 11, 2018 in Tyler. He was born July 16, 1927 in Dallas, Texas to Margaret and W.C. Perryman. Tom was a member of the Pollard Methodist Church. He graduated from Trinidad High School and Tyler Commercial College. After graduating from High School Tom proudly served in the U.S. Navy. Tom's professional career spanned over 70 very successful years in the radio broadcast and entertainment industry. His happiest days were spent fishing with his wife Billie and family on Rainbo Lake.

Tom was preceded in death by father W.C. Perryman, mother Margaret Morris Perryman Jones, his brother W.C. Perryman II, brother Earl Jr. Jones and his son Thomas King Perryman. He is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Billie Watson Perryman; sister, Reita Vanderzee, San Antonio, TX; brother, William F Jones, Tullahoma, TN; daughters Vicki Perryman Petty, Murfreesboro, TN and Marilyn Perryman, Santa Fe, NM; grandsons Cole Petty (Becki), Tyler, Texas; Thomas Petty, Murfreesboro, TN; Jed Perryman (Jennifer), Las Vegas, Nevada; grand-daughter, Heather Daley (Ana Wright), Olympia, WA and great grand-son, Douglas Perryman, Las Vegas, NV. and many loving cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

The Stewart Family Funeral Home is located at 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, Texas. Visitation is on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and a celebration of life service at 3:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be sent in his memory to: The Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 19930, Dallas, TX 75219-9842., or the charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

JAN 20. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



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



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - January 20, 2018 at 03:51 PM

DD

*Quite a character! I would bring him Ray Price cds and talk with him. He always had a way of making you laugh. all my best to Billie and his family!*

*Daniel Denton*

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**Daniel Denton** - January 20, 2018 at 05:08 PM

KC

*Prayers for all of the family, especially Billie. He was My mother Anita Halls first cousin. He was a funny guy and always enjoyed being around him*

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**Karen Carman** - January 21, 2018 at 07:33 PM

EM

*Tom was known and loved by everyone he met in person, and that great crowd was added to an even larger one, Tom's listening audience. He was the true-to-life pattern for a Radio DJ..someone who plays the music as well as promotes it everywhere on and off the air. You'd always see him with that signature "Press Pass" in his hatband, wearing the brand of a radio station on his jacket. Tom created history of his own while helping others make the history books. Here in Hopkins County, country music listeners would tune early weekday mornings to KSST Sulphur Springs for the Good Morning Show with Enola Gay and the Monday Morning Music Show with Benny Potter. Then they would switch over to Tom Perryman's Ranch country music broadcast starting at 9am and would listen through almost til lunch time. And a couple of very special times he accepted our invitation to co-host a show at the Reilly Springs Jamboree and really brought out the crowds.*

*As recently as 10 years ago, traditional country music on the radio with a real DJ could really capture the ears and hearts of people who'd lived the "country music years" in their own lives. And when fans met Tom in person, they felt like they'd know him always. He was the man with a million friends. Tom Perryman was truly a "household name" and part of people's daily lives. I know he's got to be in the cast of Hillbilly Heaven now, and sad though I am that he's gone from us here, I'm so very proud to have known this last of his kind, the true radio man.*

*Enola Gay Mathews*

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**enola gay mathews** - February 26, 2018 at 02:02 PM

RR

*I've heard of Tom most of my life. God rest his country soul. 🙏*

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**Robert J Ray** - August 23, 2025 at 02:31 PM

JF

*“ My Husband Was A great Friend of Tom Perryman His Name Was JBFloyd He Passed Away Dec 5 2017 . He Was Toms Best Man at his Wedding To Billie. I Met him One Time like He and Billie Very Much.Billie And Family You Are in My Prayers. Joyce Floyd*

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**Joyce Floyd** - January 23, 2018 at 09:51 PM



“ *Country music has lost a giant. Tom was a part of the fabric we call America. I will always remember him and the stories he had to tell. Love to all the family. We have all lost a friend.*

*Ralph Munro  
Secretary of State  
State of Washington  
1980-2001*

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**Ralph Munro** - January 22, 2018 at 12:40 AM



*Thank you Ralph* 💜

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**Heather Daley** - January 26, 2018 at 06:36 PM

MD

“ *I, too, join so many others to find words to truly share what Tom Perryman meant to me. When Tony and I had "Papa T's" it was such a joy when Tom and Billie came for a visit. We would small talk and then Tom would tell stories and the fun began. He loved my fig preserves so I tried to always keep him supplied. Tom was truly a great man in our eyes! He emceed a number of shows for Tony always doing a great job. Yes, Tom is a legend in the Country Music business. But more than that he was a wonderful friend and dear to our hearts. There's a special place in my heart for the endearing Tom Perryman.*

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**Mim Douglas** - January 21, 2018 at 04:47 PM

 Sharon Northern

“ *I am so grateful that you and Tom were part of my life. You're in my prayers.*

*I love you!  
Sharon Collie Northern*

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**Sharon Northern** - January 21, 2018 at 02:30 PM

VA

“ *Billie my prayers are for comfort and strength to you and your family. H.B. had many great memories with King, you and Tom. I enjoyed Tom's full of life personality and will miss him advertising for The Depot Musuem each year for the Syrup Festival. Tom will be missed by so many.*

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**Vickie and H.B. Armstrong** - January 21, 2018 at 09:35 AM

LL

“ *Had I had a brother, I don't think I'd have thought more of him than I do Tom Perryman!  
He was a true larger-than-life personality. His influence on me and on the world of  
country music will endure for a long, long time. My love and prayers  
are with his faithful wife and all his family at this time of sorrow and  
grief. Rest assured that his memory will  
be cherished into the future.  
God's blessings on you all.*

*Les Leverett  
Goodlettsville, TN*

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**les leverett** - January 20, 2018 at 03:38 PM

HW

“ *Tom was always willing to help promote Gladewater. Everyone  
always enjoyed the  
history he shared and the stories of Elvis. He will be missed.  
Sincerely,  
Harold Wells*

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**Harold Wells** - January 20, 2018 at 03:18 PM

DC

“ R.I.P. Tom. Was privileged to have lunch with Tom ca. 2005 at Bodacious in Gladewater when my wife and I were advertising and buying commercial time from him and KKUS.

Dixon Cartwright - January 20, 2018 at 12:46 PM

RT

“ I've known Tommy and Billie since I was three years old!! Loved them all my life!! He loved radio and never stopped promoting!! Go with God Tommy!

Rosemary Thomas - January 20, 2018 at 12:25 PM

KT

“ Enjoyed listening to Mr. Tom reminded me of childhood days. He was a good man and I got to meet him in person about 10 years ago when he spoke at local meeting in Henderson Texas. He was kind and friendly. He will be missed.

Kay Trammell - January 20, 2018 at 10:35 AM

BB

“ My memory of Tom is fun, caring, and happiness. I've never been around him when we weren't laughing and having fun. I always looked forward to those fish frys. Mom and Dad, especially Dad, were always happy to be with Tom and Billie. The reality is Tom, Billie, and their family are part of the Brown family. Their love and our love for them will never die. I am a little jealous that Dad, Tom, Bonnie, and Brownie are up there have a hoot of a time. I have peace knowing that one day God will bring us back together.

Buster Brown - January 19, 2018 at 04:00 PM

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“ *What do you say about a man that was bigger than life? His life was truly amazing, and to have lived as long as Tom did still married to his true love. I know Tom struggled the last few months of his life, but Billie was always at his side, taking care of his needs. Even last Christmas, Tom was talking to Chuck McKinley and Rodd Wayne about his next radio show. I know that those streets of gold are thumpin' with rockabilly and all of the music makers that have gone on before him. Don't forget your hat, Tom.*

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**Roseanna Bolla (McKinley)** - January 18, 2018 at 09:53 PM

MG

“ *If you've been in radio broadcasting there are those whom you respect because they've been in it longer. Tom was one of those. In a business with a lot of pretentiousness Tom was as real as they come and I loved that about him. Will miss you my friend. Hope to see you some day in Hillbilly Heaven!---Michael Gunn*

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**Michael Gunn** - January 18, 2018 at 09:37 PM

AA

“ *I had the awesome privilege to work with Tom. Such a big personality and I loved him so! There will never EVER be another Tom. My prayers are with Billie and his sweet family.*

*Amy Austin*



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**Amy Austin** - January 18, 2018 at 04:56 PM

CL

“ So many great memories of Tom and his family in Murfreesboro! He was one of the funniest men I ever knew and I think his golf game summed him up if you've ever seen anybody play left handed, cross handed you know what I mean! I'll miss TP especially his laugh and how he answered the phone with that animated East TX drawl "TELEPHONE"!

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**Chuck Lewis** - January 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM

TG

“ TONY GARNER lit a candle in memory of Thomas Eugene Perryman



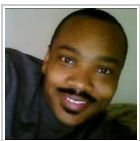
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**TONY GARNER** - January 16, 2018 at 04:30 PM

RS

“ Robin Ring Shaber purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Thomas Eugene Perryman.



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**Robin Ring Shaber** - January 15, 2018 at 09:45 PM



“ Condolences. Tom Petty spoke highly of his grandfather. He must have been a great man.

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**Gregory Whitfield** - January 14, 2018 at 09:16 PM

MS

“ 5 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Mary Jo Speer** - January 13, 2018 at 12:12 AM

SC

*R.I.P. Mr. Perryman*

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**Steve Clark** - January 15, 2018 at 04:57 PM

KL

*Happy trails, Tom. Condolences to your sweet family - you will be missed!*

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**Karhleen Lynch** - January 16, 2018 at 03:57 PM

BM

*Sorry for your lose. I remember one time i ask him if he remembered me. He replied, yes you get all my money. That's because I do Billies hair.*

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**Barbara Mullican** - January 17, 2018 at 06:22 PM

CB

*Vicki and Marilyn very sorry to hear about your Dad, my thoughts and prayers will be with you.*

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**Casey Barrett** - January 18, 2018 at 10:36 AM