



Thomas "Tommy" Foster Young

July 24, 1929 - May 3, 2016

Services for Thomas "Tommy" Foster Young, 86, of Tyler, will be held on Friday, May 6, 2016 at 10:00 AM at Green Acres Baptist Church Chapel with Rev. Forest Smith officiating.

Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Young passed away Tuesday, May 3, 2016 in Tyler.

Thomas "Tommy" Foster Young was born July 24, 1929 in Huntsville, Texas to Gordon Gaylard, Young, Sr. and Callie Florean Foster Young. He graduated from Huntsville ISD and received his Bachelor's degree in Education from Sam Houston State University. He later received his Master's degree from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Tommy met Radiance Woodall while they were attending Sam Houston State University. They had their first date October 17, 1947, and they were married June 5, 1949 in the First Baptist Church in Arp, Texas. During their 63 years of marriage, they had two daughters, Jane Young Maloney and Rhonda Kay Young. His grandsons, Joe and Austin Martel were the pride of his life.

Immediately after receiving his MA Degree from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University with majors in Education Administration and Mathematics, Tommy was drafted into the United States Army and served in 1954. Tommy began his teaching career in Jacksonville, Texas as a teacher and coach at East Side Elementary school. He and Radiance moved to Tyler where they both taught at the old Tyler High School, and then Tommy went to

the new John Tyler High School where he taught Fundamentals of Math, Geometry and Algebra for a total of 39 years as a teacher.

He was a faithful member of Central Baptist Church where he served as their Treasurer, a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He and Radiance later joined Green Acres Baptist Church and enjoyed the Care and Share Sunday School class. He was a charter member of the Rose City chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, and the Smith County Retired Teachers Association where he was the Treasurer for many years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Gordan Gaylard and Callie Foster Young, his wife, Radiance Woodall Young, his brother and sister-in-law Robert "Bob" and Virginia "Ginner" Young, his sister and brother-in-law, Johnny Bob and Dorothy Young Brown and his nephews Rick Young and Bob Brown.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Tim and Jane Maloney and his daughter Rhonda Kay Young. In addition to his daughters, he is survived by his grandsons, Joe and Austin Martel; his brother and sister-in-law, Gordan and Judie Young and his nieces and nephews, including George and Kathy Young, Kelly and Patti Young Singleton, Dave and Nancy Young Keller Morgan, Dennis and Sue Young Christel, Bobby and Lori Young, and Vic and Crystal Young.

Pallbearers will be Tim Maloney, Joe Martel, Jr., W. C. Hauk, Mike Dover, Vince Maloney and Kevin Maloney.

Honorary pallbearers will be the John Tyler High School Faculty.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lindale Healthcare Center Activity Fund, 215 Margaret St., Lindale, TX 75771.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

MAY 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church
1607 Troup Hwy.
Tyler, TX 75701

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“*Mr. Young was my math teacher, a teaching colleague, but most of all, a friend. I remember many days of his patient tutoring to a young boy far more interested in other things than algebra...it's amazing how many times over the years of my career I've reminisced on this helpful patience ... Prayers and condolences to the family.*

Fred Fifer - June 13, 2016 at 11:04 AM

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“*Thank you for letting me know of Tommy's passing. I feel that we have lost an era---we just don't see gentlemen like him. Moral, ethical, loved Radiance, smart and low key, spiritual and patient.. A good, good person.*

I remember Radiance telling the story of her illness that made her weak when Jane Ann and Rhonda Kay were little. Radiance couldn't walk up stairs and where she worked didn't have an elevator. Tommy carried Radiance up to her classroom at the college where she taught. Tommy never would have told that story about himself.

I will be forever grateful that my dear Aunt Fran found Tommy and Radiance as friends and advisors.

Thinking of Tommy's family and friends at this tender time.

*Deb Bigelow
Seattle*

deb bigelow - May 29, 2016 at 12:02 AM

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“*My condolences to the family. Having taught with him for many years in John Tyler High School, I have many pleasant memories of Tommy and Radiance. Love and prayers.*

Carolyn Cox - May 05, 2016 at 07:25 PM

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*Ms. Cox, it is so good to see your name again. Dad enjoyed many years with the Math core at John Tyler.
Thank you,
Jane*

Jane Maloney - May 06, 2016 at 04:32 AM

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“ My memory is ..Uncle was a dear humble man. Always wished the family could be with us all in WA state. My middle name is Foster, after my Uncle Tommy. Love you family in Texas!

Sue Christel - May 04, 2016 at 05:53 PM

JM

Dad loved you guys so much Cuz. Love and hugs sent your way.

Jane Maloney - May 06, 2016 at 04:34 AM

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Jane Maloney - May 04, 2016 at 10:36 AM

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Jane Maloney - May 04, 2016 at 10:34 AM

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“ *I would like to send my most sincere thanks to the staff of The Hamptons Assisted Living Memory Care for their loving and compassionate care of my father. He made many friends there and loved to talk and laugh with them. Thanks for helping to make such great memories.*

Rhonda Kay Young

Rhonda Kay Young - May 04, 2016 at 12:18 AM