



Tom Weldon Slack Jr.

December 20, 1945 - December 2, 2012

Long time Tyler resident and business leader Tom W. Slack, Jr. passed away Sunday, December 2nd. He was born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, but his parents relocated to Texas where he graduated from Lee High School in Baytown, TX and later from Southwest Texas University in San Marcus.

Mr. Slack most recently had served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Lone Star TPA, Inc. here in Tyler which he started in mid-2011. Prior to that time he served as Chief Executive Officer of HealthFirst TPA, Inc. and Vice President, Managed Care of East Texas Medical Center. Mr. Slack originally relocated to Tyler in 1981 after serving as Senior Vice President of Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas in Dallas until his move to Tyler in '81. He initially founded the sales agency Risk Funding Alternatives at that time and in 1983 added the services of a third party administrator.

Mr. Slack was past president and founder of the Texas Association of Benefit Administrators and was involved in many civic activities, most recently serving as Board Member and Chairman of the Tyler Independent School District Foundation. Additionally, he previously served as tri-chair of the Patriot Golf Classic which is a major fund raiser for the UT Tyler Scholarship Fund. He also served on the UT College of Nursing Advisory Board; as well as donating his time and effort to numerous other civic activities. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Tyler.

He loved his family and friends and was an avid outdoorsman and sports enthusiast. He had at one time been involved with the raising of thoroughbred horses at his farm which was located in the Bullard area, and in recent years he achieved the distinguished award of "Quail Master" as bestowed by Texas A and M University. He cherished the time he spent at his ranch in Scurry County where he was able to hunt and enjoy quality time there with his family. Mr. Slack is survived by his wife, Marcia Hare Slack, Tyler; daughters Lacy Mattek and husband Phillip Mattek of Tyler, Bliss Taylor of Austin, Trisha Slack of Dallas and son Preston Slack of Austin; grandson Cameron Dean Slack (Dripping Springs) and granddaughter Lauren Elizabeth Mattek (Tyler); brothers Bobby Slack and Lynn Slack of Houston; also parents Tom W. and Dorothy M. Slack of Baytown.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2:00 PM Thursday, December 6th, at Green Acres Baptist Church with Rev. Bryan Grant officiating. Visitation to follow immediately afterward. Graveside services will be in Mt. Vernon on Friday at 1:00 PM at the Fairview Cemetery in northwest Franklin County north of Mt. Vernon.

You are invited to make donations to the Tyler ISD Foundation or Texas Association of Benefit Administrators if you wish in lieu of flowers.

Tyler ISD Foundation
315 North Broadway, Suite 401
Tyler, TX 75702

Tom Slack Memorial Legislative Fund
c/o Texas Association of Benefit Administrators
PO Box 90325
Austin, TX 75709-0325

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Sulphur Bluff, TX

Tribute Wall

IK

“ TOM, DOTTIE, BOBBY, LYNN AND FAMILIES,
I was stunned to hear about your loss of Tommy. There are so many wonderful memories of our families' friendship when we were younger. Tommy will be missed in life but always in our memories. Prayers are with all of you during this tragic time.

Ilo Weatherly Killian

Ilo Weatherly Killian - December 21, 2012 at 12:26 AM

TN

“ Praying for the Slack family during this sad time. I graduated from R E Lee High School with Tom. He was always such a nice and kind person, and I will remember him always. Love to you all. Trudy Nuce

Trudy Reding Nuce - December 16, 2012 at 06:50 PM

MF

“ Praying for the Slack family during this very difficult time. Our memories are a gift from God that death cannot destroy.

Marty Riley Foster, REL Class of 1963

Marty Riley Foster - December 11, 2012 at 09:52 PM

JM

“ *My memories of Tom, at REL, are all very special, and he was a fine classmate. He is in my, and my family's prayers, and we offer our condolences and prayers to his family, as well. I'm sure he will never be forgotten, by any of us.*

Sincerely, Jack Mooney, Class of '63.

Jack Mooney - December 11, 2012 at 10:54 AM

JS

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Slack, Marcia, children, Bobby, Lynn---your son, husband, dad, brother and a longtime friend will be missed but GOD will prevail and help us all through this sad time. A friend that never forget him Johnny Savage.*

johnny savage - December 08, 2012 at 04:47 PM

PB

“ *Tom, Dottie, Bobby,Lynn
We have just read in the Tyler paper about Tom Jr. What a great young man you must be very proud and he will be missed greatly. Our days go back to Windy Lane in Baytown, Texas and Robert E. Lee High School. God Bless you and your family at this time.*

Pat & Berta Burgess

311 Texas Dr.

Hideaway, Texas 75771

Pat & Berta Burgess - December 08, 2012 at 11:35 AM

PB

“ *Pat & Berta Burgess lit a candle in memory of Tom Weldon Slack Jr.*



Pat & Berta Burgess - December 08, 2012 at 11:29 AM



“ *Tom, Dottie, Bobby & Lynn!*

I am shocked and saddened at the same time about your loss. I grieve for all of you. We all go back so far as kids with our parents being best friends. So many wonderful memories with all the Slack family. I know Tommy is going to be missed by so many. God will make a way for all of you to get through this sad ordeal. Bobby, I know you are your parents rock so hang in there with and for them. If there is anything I can do please let me know....Just know we are praying God's peace for all of you.

Love and hugs to all the family.

The Roquemore's

Rocky & Barb

Barbara Roquemore - December 06, 2012 at 12:55 AM

BE

“ *I graduated from REL High School in Baytown, TX with Tom. Am so sorry and grieved for the family and friends of Tom. He was a delight to know and full of life! My prayers are with the family in this tremendous loss to them. May the Lord comfort you during this time of grief and loss.*

Beverly Mills Engelhardt - December 05, 2012 at 08:45 PM

HT

“ *Hunt Regional Health Care Team purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Tom Weldon Slack Jr..*



Hunt Regional Health Care Team - December 05, 2012 at 01:26 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Tom Weldon Slack Jr..*



December 05, 2012 at 10:49 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Tom Weldon Slack Jr..*



December 05, 2012 at 08:32 AM

JB

“ *Julie Bertolino lit a candle in memory of Tom Weldon Slack Jr.*



Julie Bertolino - December 04, 2012 at 04:34 PM

SW

“ I am honored to have known and worked with Tom on various projects for TISD Foundation, as well as in other business matters. He was a great man, devoted to those he loved, and a great example of leadership to me, personally. His death is a huge loss to this community. My deepest sympathies to his family, business associates, and close friends.

Sharie Withers

Allstate Insurance

Sharie Withers - December 04, 2012 at 03:09 PM

LK

“ Lynnette king purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Tom Weldon Slack Jr..



Lynnette king - December 04, 2012 at 02:29 PM

JT

“ Mr. & Mrs. Slack, Bobby and family,
I was so saddened to hear of your tremendous loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers will be with each of you during this time and for days to come.

Judy Lannou Thiele

Judy Lannou Thiele - December 04, 2012 at 02:06 PM