



## Robert (Bob) Dean Tyler

October 11, 1936 - June 26, 2020

Robert Dean (Bob) Tyler, 83, of Huntsville, Texas, passed from this life into heaven on June 26, 2020.

Mr. Tyler (Bob) was born October 11, 1936, in Fannin County, TX to Albert Edwin and Myrtle Wilkins Tyler. He attended Sam Houston State Teachers College and received a bachelor's degree in education. He enrolled in the Reserve Officers Training Corps and joined the Navy Reserve. His time in the Navy Reserve gave him the opportunity to travel around the world. Robert dedicated his entire career to educating children as a teacher, school guidance counselor, assistant principal, and principal during his 37 years in education, spending most of his career in the Pasadena Independent School District.

While attending Sam Houston State, he met the love of his life, Geneva Nell Davis, at the Baptist Student Union where she was playing ping pong. They were married on May 31, 1958 and recently celebrated their 62nd anniversary. Bob lived a life of service to others. Along with volunteering and serving in his local church, you could find him volunteering at the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veteran Museum every Friday morning. He loved his country and he loved music. His love for music led him to join the Huntsville Community Choir and to serve in his church choir. Bob enjoyed investing in relationships; every Thursday you could catch him having lunch with his best buddies, the ROMEO's (Retired Old Men Eating Out).

When Bob walked into a room, people were immediately drawn to him. His sweet smile, warm personality, and his generous, caring spirit helped him easily connect with others. This often resulted in him receiving hugs from people he had just met. He loved others more than himself, always placing the needs of others above his own. Those who knew Bob describe him as humble; compassionate to all people; overflowing with kindness; having a gentle soul; and being a strong, loving, God-fearing man. Bob's first priority was his relationship with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Immediately behind that priority was his commitment to his relationship with his beautiful wife, children, and grandchildren who made him so proud. Bob was a godly man whose influence changed the lives of

those around him.

Bob is survived by his wife, Geneva Nell Davis Tyler; his daughter, Deanne Hullender (and husband, Chad); his son, Robert Keith Tyler (and wife, Laura); and his grandchildren, Halie Elyse Hullender, Hannah Elizabeth Huffman (and husband, Connor), McKinley Keith Tyler, Mitchell Bennett Tyler, LaurenKate Tyler, and many nieces and nephews who were loved as though they were his own children.

Mr. Tyler will lie in state, Monday, June 29th, 8am – 5pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, TX. A memorial service will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home at 10:30 a.m. on June 30, 2020. For those who are at a high risk of illness due to COVID-19, we invite you to a “drive-by” at the Sam Houston Funeral Home at 11:45 a.m. to pay your respects to the family. The memorial service will be “live-streamed” on Robert D. Tyler’s page at 10:30 a.m. on June 30, 2020 for friends and family who are unable to attend. A graveside service will follow at 4:00 pm, Davis Cemetery, Colmesneil, TX.

\*We respectfully ask those who attend the memorial service to follow social distancing guidelines and wear a face covering, for their safety and the safety of others.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Bob Tyler to The HEARTS Veterans Museum, 463 Hwy 75, Huntsville, TX 77320

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Events

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**JUN 29** **Lie in State** 08:00AM - 05:00PM  
Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr., Huntsville, TX, US, 77340

**JUN 30** **Memorial Service Livestream on FaceBook** 10:30AM  
FaceBook  
TX, US

**JUN 30** **Service** 10:30AM  
Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr., Huntsville, TX, US, 77340

**JUN 30** **Drive through visitation to pay respects to family** 11:45AM  
Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr., Huntsville, TX, US, 77340

**JUN 30** **Graveside Service** 03:00PM  
Davis Cemetery  
1410 Bethany Rd, Colmesneil, TX, US, 75938

# Comments

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“ Robert and I became life-long friends in the 4th grade when his school-teacher parents moved from Honey Grove to Big Sandy. Living next door to each other is somewhat a misnomer in a rural community, but we were “next door” neighbors. Our location, a short distance from the school, allowed us the amenity to spend countless hours either in the gym, which did not have locks on the doors, or on a tennis court that had basketball goals on either end. This pastime allowed us to be part of a basketball dynasty in the 1950’s that gave Big Sandy statewide recognition. We reconnected in the 1980’s when Robert was serving several roles in the Pasadena ISD and stayed connected through breakfast and lunch meetings that were usually brought on by Big Sandy alumni meetings that he and I chaired. Our memories of his character, devotion and work ethic will not disappear. God Bless.  
Johnny Williams

**John Williams** - July 02 at 12:49 PM

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“ We watched the beautiful service today with saddened hearts. I wish we could have been there. It was a very moving service. The Fox reunions just won't be the same without Bob's smiling face and warm personality. Geneva, Christine and I will come and visit you as soon as we can. We love you and all your family.

Bob and Pat Proft

**Patricia Proft** - June 30 at 10:02 PM

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“ Our communities have lost a true Christian, leader and patriot. His parents and brothers lived near my family as we grew up and went to school in Dallaardsville/Big Sandy. Robert loved my mom and dad and they loved him. He would come to my dad’s Hendrix Store on his bike, and my dad always commented to me and my sister what a fine boy he was. I will always treasure our many years playing basketball on the tennis court, swimming in Kimbell Creek (sometimes skinny dipping), and playing touch football on Sunday afternoon on the Big Sandy High School campus, even though our school had no football. Robert had a powerful arm with big hands and could throw a football a mile. We are so grateful to have maintained our relationship over these many years. Robert will be missed by everyone. What a man! What a friend!

Shirald & Suzy Hendrix

Shirald Hendrix - June 30 at 01:07 PM



“ Really a great Man of GOD,wonderful friend--his Mother taught most of us people that are over 70 years old in first and second grade.He most certain in HEAVEN.

edwin hendrix - June 30 at 02:43 PM



“ Ms. Geneva, our sympathies to you and your family. We pray that God will heal you in the many days ahead.

DONNA and DALE STORY - June 30 at 11:54 AM



“ My condolences for Geneva and the family. Bob was a wonderful man, not just my cousin but my hero as well. He will always hold a special place in my heart. I wish we had more times together.

Patty Tyler Vannoy - June 30 at 12:03 AM



“ Patty Tyler Vannoy lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Dean Tyler



Patty Tyler Vannoy - June 29 at 11:59 PM

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“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Patte Tyler-White - June 29 at 11:35 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Patte Tyler-White - June 29 at 10:28 PM

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“ Dear Geneva,

You and Bob added so much to the Huntsville Community Choir, especially with Bob blowing the whistle for "The Train Bound for Heaven". I will miss his smile, his kindness and his wonderful voice. I am sure he is singing in heaven now.

Thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Stella

**Stella Steely Milam** - June 29 at 07:16 PM

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“ Genieva I was so very sad to hear of the passing of Bob. You two were one of my favorite couples at Elkins Lake, and you were always so sweet to me when you came into the office. I will cherish those memories forever. Thoughts and prayers are with each of you and May God give you peace and comfort.

Gwen Lucas

**Gwen S Lucas** - June 29 at 05:51 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time, we are so sorry for your great loss! We have enjoyed our friendship with you and Bob while at ELBC and will miss his smiling face and warm handshake! May God surround you with His love and comfort! With love, Benny and Annette Watson

**Annette Watson** - June 29 at 04:24 PM

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“ Dear Genieva and family, Paul and I are so sorry to learn of Bob's passing. We will always remember sharing with you at Pagosa. It was our pleasure. You are an asset to our neighborhood and pray you be comforted with your loss.

**Linda Fischer** - June 29 at 02:32 PM

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“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Robert (Bob) Dean Tyler.



June 29 at 02:00 PM

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“ Deanne, i have so enjoyed being friends with your parents. Several years ago I celebrated Easter with the Hullenders in Granbury. Bob and I sat on the couch and visited at length. I realized he was kind and sweet; however, he has a deep wisdom in many areas and I found he serves the Lord with purpose in all circumstances. We are to grieve for a time. We will reap a wisdom from in no other source than grief. The Lord is in his Holy Temple and our bodies are the temple of God because we serve a risen Savior. My love and prayers with thanksgiving

**Azalee Tatum** - June 29 at 12:47 PM

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June 29 at 11:53 AM

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“ With Love, the Wortham, Zwahr and Thannum Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert (Bob) Dean Tyler.



**With Love, the Wortham, Zwahr and Thannum Families** - June 29 at 11:46 AM

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“ We (Jane and I) will miss Bob very much. He was a fellow deacon in our church. He also sat next to me in the church choir since we were part of the bass section. He also played golf with me. I know he is now with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in heaven. I hope to join him some day.

Howard Bradfield

Howard Bradfield - June 29 at 10:41 AM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert (Bob) Dean Tyler.



June 29 at 09:49 AM

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“ Georgia Davis & family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Robert (Bob) Dean Tyler.



Georgia Davis & family - June 29 at 09:46 AM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert (Bob) Dean Tyler.



June 29 at 08:33 AM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



**John Andrew White** - June 29 at 12:10 AM

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“ 60 files added to the album Memories Album



**Deanne Hullender** - June 29 at 12:09 AM

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“ We have so many many fond memories of Bob. He was so special, and we are going to miss that great big smile whenever we all get together for those famous Fox reunions. We love all of you so much and pray for you during this time of loss. Peace be with you.

Butch and Christine

**Butch and Christine Bertin** - June 28 at 11:36 PM

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“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Robert (Bob) Dean Tyler.



June 28 at 11:11 PM

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“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert (Bob) Dean Tyler



M. Hyvl - June 28 at 08:23 PM