



Harvey Lee Hivnor

June 10, 1942 - April 28, 2016

Harvey Lee Hivnor passed away surrounded by his loving family on April 28 in Willis, Texas. An award-winning entrepreneur, educator, community leader and above all, family man, Harvey Hivnor will be remembered for his generosity, business savvy and warm sense of humor.

Harvey is survived by his wife of 49 years, Diane, by his sons Chad (Christy) of San Antonio, Brock (Brandi) and Derek (Dyana), both of Willis, and by 12 grandchildren: Cole, Luke, Joey Joiner, Mary Kate, Clare, Gianna, Blaise, Logan Havard, Braydon, Madison, Mason and Reagan. He will also be fondly remembered by the personnel of the Company he founded in 1980, H&R Mfg. and Supply, Inc.

The only son of Archie Lee and Alberta Mae Hivnor, Harvey was born June 10, 1942, in Zanesville, Ohio. He graduated from Philo High School in Philo, Ohio, and went on to earn a B.S. in Education from Ohio University in Athens and an MBA from The Ohio State University-Columbus.

Beginning his career as a teacher at Wilson Junior High School in Newark, Ohio, he filled his spare time in his workshop, making furniture. It was his love of creating that led him to establish a small machine tool manufacturing company in the early 1980s in Conroe, Texas. What started as a part-time business, long-term investment and tax shelter, evolved into a multi-million dollar enterprise. He and Diane built the business while seeing three boys through high school and college.

Harvey also gave his time and talent to the community, coaching Conroe

YMCA football and basketball for 20 years and contributing to the work of the Rotary Club of Conroe, who awarded him as a Paul Harris Fellow. He was awarded "Small Business Person of the Year" by the Small Business Association-Houston District in 2003, and District Director's Choice Award the same year by the U.S. Small Business Association. This year, Harvey was given the 50 Year Award by the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio.

Harvey loved to travel, often combining business with pleasure, like the time he came to Morocco for tourism and ended up lecturing at Casablanca's business school, or when he and Diane celebrated their anniversary in Italy and visited manufacturing plants in Turin. He bonded with his boys through hunting and their mutual love of football.

The nomination for the "Small Businessman of the Year" award said that "H&R continues to thrive because Harvey leads by example, dedicated not only to his business, but also his community, his employees and his family." He will be missed not only by his family, but by everyone in the community and business world whose lives he touched.

A Celebration of Life ceremony will be at 5:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church on Friday, May 13, 2016, located at 2727 N, Loop 336 West, Conroe, TX 77304 followed by a social gathering. Western/casual attire is requested by the "Buckeye" turned "Texan." In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Hivnor Family Scholarship Fund, c/o Montgomery County Community Foundation, 9320 Lakeside Blvd. Bldg 2, Suite 200, The Woodlands, TX 77381.

The Hivnor Family would like to thank the following medical professionals and their staff who provided Harv with care and understanding during the past two years: Jason Laningham, MD; Serge-Alain B. Awasum, MD; Michael J. Walls, MD; Roohi Majeed Khan, MD; Matthew W. Hogan, MD; Vipul Desai, MD; Sandeep Kodityal, MD; George S. Boyle, MD and Memorial Hermann Hospital System of the Woodlands.

Condolences may be left at www.shmfh.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following:

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Montgomery County Community Foundation (MCCF)

9320 Lakeside Blvd, Bldg. 2, Suite 200

The Woodlands, TX 77381

281-363-8158

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 13. 5:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
2727 North Loop 336 West
Conroe, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Harvey Lee Hivnor*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



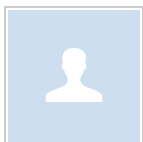
“ *PS I am on road for summer therefore cannot attend the service but will be there in Spirit.*
bruce clay

bruce clay - May 10, 2016 at 02:41 PM



“ *Harvey was one of my first customers at TCB-Conroe back in 1979. Over the years we became good friends and enjoyed working w each other. He was my inspiration to become a college teacher after banking as I observed him do during the "depression" of 1986. He actually arranged a luncheon with the dean of SHSU Busniess College whom he still kept up with. Over time our entire families got to know each other and become friends. It was a privilege to call Harvey friend.*
shalom,
Bruce Clay

bruce clay - May 10, 2016 at 02:11 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Harvey Lee Hivnor.*



May 06, 2016 at 11:52 AM

BL

“ I remember Harvey as being quite the character in high school. Our class will miss the look of mischief in his eyes. My love and prayers to the family. *Barbara Langseder*

Barbara Langseder - May 06, 2016 at 10:07 AM



“ 1968. Ida Avenue. Donut holes. Tomato sauce. Halloween parties. BBF. The movie theater. Worthington Hills. Cheating at euchre. Texas. Easter. Caverns. In spite of time, distance or events my memories of fun times, Harvey's laugh, cracking his back and good times will remain forever.
May the memories and good times carry you and your family through the pain at this difficult time.

Elaine Leonard - May 05, 2016 at 08:08 PM

DD

“ Harvey, Archie and Alberta were my neighbors growing up. I have often wondered what he has been up to over the years . It looks as though he has had a wonderful life . Please accept my most sincere condolences .

David Dye - May 04, 2016 at 07:42 PM

MG

“ Harv was a great guy! so sorry for the loss, he will be missed. When I was football coach at Willis he was a strong supporter who I greatly appreciated. The Hivor family will always be our friends and we wish them our best in the future. *Mike Garrison Family.*

Mike Garrison - May 04, 2016 at 10:16 AM

TF

Mr. Harvey was always a supporter of Willis 4H & FFA . We always saw him at the freezer sales , helping kids that didn't make the big sale . He will be missed .

The Harrison Family - May 04, 2016 at 11:23 PM

PR

Will miss Harvey Hivnor as a neighbor in the many years we both lived in Rivershire. Rest in peace. May God comfort all the Hivnor family . Prayers for all of you

Paul and Karen Ruffner - May 09, 2016 at 10:26 PM

PH

“ *So sorry to learn of Harvey's passing. I met him at The Body and loved his teasing and good sense of humor. He called me "Patsy" even though my name is Pansy. He will be missed.*

Pansy Hogan - May 04, 2016 at 07:53 AM

RH

Harvey and I first met on the YMCA football field in the fall of 1981. I had just started to work at the Conroe Y. That first Saturday I went out to officiate a make up football game between Harvey and Leon Tolbert. It was a baptism by fire, I survived and we went on to share some great times through Y sports. Harvey always stepped up as a dad, coach, and sponsor of Y sports. Thank you Harvey and Dianne for allowing me to be a part of your family's life. I'll always remember how Harvey would firmly shake your hand and draw you closer to him. He really had a passion and heart to help kids. God blessed Harvey in many ways. Peace be with Dianne and the boys during this difficult time. - Rob Hamilton

Rob Hamilton - May 04, 2016 at 10:43 AM

GP

Harvey was bigger than life. He walked into a room and replaced the air with his big presence and his big personality. Big hugs, big laughter, and he left us with big memories of a wonderful man who loved big too.

Gina Price

Gina Price - May 04, 2016 at 02:59 PM

BB

Thinking of you Diane and the boys at this very difficult time. Sorry for your loss and may peace be with you.

Barbara Blanton

Barbara Blanton - May 04, 2016 at 09:30 PM

MZ

My deepest sympathy goes out to Harvey's family and friends. Another one of my classmates is gone - so sad; the third in less than a year. He certainly has led an interesting life and has been a positive role model to others.

Marla Zinsmeister - May 06, 2016 at 08:27 AM

CW

Harvey has been such a wonderful friend and great neighbor. We will miss him so much. His fun-loving personality, humor and the joy he took in life, friends and family was so special to us.

Harve was always there to pitch in and help everybody with whatever happened in our little neighborhood. We treasure the whole Hivnor family and offer love and support with anything you need.

Charles and Merry Wise

Charles and Merry Wise - May 06, 2016 at 07:16 PM