



## Justin Raymond Curren

August 10, 1945 - September 14, 2016

Justin Raymond Curren, age 71, passed away on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. He was born on August 10, 1945 at Memorial Hospital in Houston, TX to Edward and Pauline (Songy) Curren. A proud native Houstonian, he attended Blessed Sacrament School and St. Thomas High School. He earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and a Master's degree from the University of Redlands. While at the University of Houston, he met Dona Catherine Osborn. Shortly after graduating, they married and spent the next half century together raising four sons and countless dogs. Early in his career he served as a special education teacher and then worked in the insurance industry where, over decades, he built many relationships and shared his knowledge with younger coworkers. While no longer a teacher, he still loved teaching, whether through coaching his sons' baseball teams or mentoring the next generation of golfers through the Houston Golf Association Junior Golf Program. He retired in 2010 and spent his time playing golf with his friends, fishing with his sons, traveling with his wife and spoiling his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Dona; his four sons, David (Becky), Ryan, Donnie and Andrew (Mary Catherine); and three grandchildren, Reilly, Emory and James. Justin will be missed dearly.

“We expect to receive again our own bodies, though they be dead and cast into the earth, for we maintain that with God nothing is impossible.” – Saint Justin Martyr

Services will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 2:00PM at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home – Huntsville, 1700 Normal Park Dr., Huntsville, TX 77340. Reception will follow the service at The Holiday Inn Express (behind the funeral home) in Huntsville, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to:

The First Tee of Greater Houston ([www.thefirstteegreaterhouston.org](http://www.thefirstteegreaterhouston.org))

St. Thomas High School ([www.sths.org](http://www.sths.org))

Houston Area Parkinson Society ([www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org))

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Reception following service

SEP **20** (CT)

Holiday Inn Express  
148 Interstate 45 S  
Huntsville, TX 77340

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Justin Raymond Curren*



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - September 19, 2016 at 01:57 PM



“ *Justin Raymond Curren*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



Melissa Cassidy

“ *Dona,  
I am heartbroken to hear about your loss. Justin was a wonderful man and you were a lovely couple. May God bring you a peace that surpasses all understanding and may you feel the love that surrounds you. My heart and my prayers are with you.  
Melissa Cassidy*

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**Melissa Cassidy** - September 21, 2016 at 01:49 PM



GG

“ *Dona, I was so shocked and sorry to learn of Justin's passing. He was a wonderful man and you made a wonderful couple. May you and your family find comfort and support in your memories. With deepest sympathy, Gabby Guerra*

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**Gabby Guerra** - September 20, 2016 at 10:33 PM

MB

“ Michele Burton lit a candle in memory of Justin Raymond Curren



Michele Burton - September 20, 2016 at 12:58 PM

OC

“ Our sincere sympathy, CRC purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Justin Raymond Curren.



Our sincere sympathy, CRC - September 20, 2016 at 10:00 AM

RE

“ Andrew and Curren family, I am so sorry for your loss. I did not have the privilege of meeting your father, but based on my friendship with you and knowing what a great man he raised in you, I can only begin to imagine what an amazing father he must have been to you and your brothers. Prayers for you and your family from ours.

Roberto & Debra Espinosa

Roberto Espinosa - September 20, 2016 at 08:03 AM

GC

“ Galleria Tennis & Athletic Club purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Justin Raymond Curren.



Galleria Tennis & Athletic Club - September 19, 2016 at 10:52 PM

AH

“ Don, my condolences to you, your mom and family. I'm sure all the Saddle Creekers agree that we all remember your dad as the cool dad in neighborhood. Keeping your family in our prayers. - Andrew Halloran

Andrew Halloran - September 19, 2016 at 07:06 PM

CC

“ Candace Craft lit a candle in memory of Justin Raymond Curren



candace craft - September 19, 2016 at 07:00 PM

JB

“ Andrew+ Dona- very sad to hear the news of Justin's passing. Andrew, he was so proud of you, and was thrilled to share the news of your success here in Austin.. My wife and I just recently visited 24 Diner and talked about how he bragged about you just like I do with my children. Our sincere condolences on your loss, and I'll be sure to remember him in the prayer book at St.Mary's Cathedral here in Austin at daily mass. Sincerely, Jeff Burns STHS '63 +Candace (Moore) Burns Duchesne '68

Jeff Burns - September 19, 2016 at 04:51 PM

JE

“ John C Edmund lit a candle in memory of Justin Raymond Curren



John C Edmund - September 19, 2016 at 01:05 PM

JE

*Justin was a good friend and I have many happy memories of our times together on the golf course. Our best wishes to Dona during this very difficult time. The entire family will remain in our prayers.*

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**John C Edmund** - September 19, 2016 at 01:09 PM

TC

“ *Tom and Carrie Corbett purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Justin Raymond Curren.*



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**Tom and Carrie Corbett** - September 19, 2016 at 12:46 PM

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“ - *the Financial Services team at Lockton Companies purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Justin Raymond Curren.*



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**- the Financial Services team at Lockton Companies -**  
September 19, 2016 at 11:38 AM

SU

“ Justin was a colleague during the years I worked at Johnson & Higgins. He had an uncanny ability to bring levity and humor to the serious business of insurance and risk management. He could be counted on to bring good cheer into the office or to any J&H event. It made him well liked AND greatly appreciated by those of us who needed to lighten up!

*Fond memories. I know he will be missed by many.*

*Sincerely,*

*Susan Harting*

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**Susan** - September 19, 2016 at 11:31 AM

TO

“ At St. Thomas High School, more than half a century ago, Justin's gentleness, kindness and courtesy touched us all.  
Terry O'Rourke class of 1964

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**Terry O'Rourke** - September 19, 2016 at 09:19 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Justin Raymond Curren.



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September 19, 2016 at 08:03 AM

HG

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Hilde Goble - September 18, 2016 at 10:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Justin Raymond Curren.



September 18, 2016 at 06:32 PM



“ *Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket* was purchased for the family of Justin Raymond Curren.



September 18, 2016 at 03:31 PM

PT

“ How can we forget the trips to Breaux Bridge, New Iberia and the Tabasco Gardens, des Anis Café and Cajun Country Cottages! Memories to never be forgotten.

*Justin is my friend and will always be... since St. Thomas High School days...1959.*

*Just a few weeks ago, he and I were talking about going to Patrenella's for lunch and bocce ball. We really love that place.*

*Justin is really missed already.*

*Donna, Trish and I are always available to you for lunch, dinner or a trip to Louisiana. Also, if you just need company.... Just a call away. May God bless Justin for his kindness, his humor and his concern for others.*

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**Patrick Tamborello** - September 18, 2016 at 02:42 PM

BF

“ Our sincerest condolences to Dona, the boys and the whole family. We will always remember Justin's great sense of humor, intellect and love for his family. We always thoroughly enjoyed our memorable times with the Currens.

*Best regards and love, Marilyn and Barry Freund*

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**Barry Freund** - September 18, 2016 at 02:19 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Justin Raymond Curren.



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September 18, 2016 at 01:58 PM

SN

“ *Dona, you and your family are in our prayers. We are so very sorry for your loss. Justine was a good friend of ours and we consider ourselves lucky and very fortunate to have known him for the past 16 years.*

*Sam and Pat Nabers*

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**sam nabers** - September 18, 2016 at 01:04 PM

SS

“ *Dona,  
Just a note to let you know we are thinking about you in this difficult time. God bless you and yours.  
Affectionally, Susan and George Spencer*

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**Susan Spencer** - September 18, 2016 at 10:46 AM

DH

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Justin for many years at Johnson & Higgins/Marsh. He was a dear friend and will be missed but never forgotten.*



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**Diana Hernandez** - September 17, 2016 at 04:21 PM

JH

“ Our condolences go out to Dona and her wonderful family. Justin was a great guy with who we shared many happy times on the golf course and at social events. He will be missed. Katrina and Jim Hock

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**Jim Hock** - September 17, 2016 at 02:55 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to Dona, the boys, and their families. First cousins but we loved him as our brother as he would spend each summer with us in Reserve, LA. I know the pain of an unexpected loss of a loved one as I lost my daughter just last week. Know that the God who created this entire universe has him in His loving arms in a place where there is only peace and love.

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**Brian Weber** - September 17, 2016 at 01:36 PM

DH

“ Dona, I'm so sorry for you and your family. A great loss to all. He was a good man, husband, father and grandfather. Enough said!  
Dan Hendricks

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**Dan Hendrickws** - September 17, 2016 at 10:55 AM

DH

“ No words can we say to alleviate the pain and suffering your entire family is experiencing now. We are so very shocked and so deeply saddened to hear of Justin's tragic death. Please know, Dona, that you and your entire family are in our many prayers and thoughts at this very difficult time. Love you all. Dale and Nancy.

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**Dale and Nancy Hintz** - September 17, 2016 at 08:45 AM