



Leroy Ashorn

September 2, 1943 - March 15, 2014

Dr. Leroy Ashorn, 70, of Huntsville, Texas went to be with the Lord after a courageous battle with Lymphoma on March 11, 2014, surrounded by his family. Leroy was born September 2nd, 1943 in Bellville, Texas to Leroy W. and Annie Himly Ashorn. He graduated from Sealy High School in 1962 and continued his education earning an associates of arts degree from Blinn College(Brenham) in 1964, a bachelor of business administration degree and MBA from Sam Houston State University in 1966 and 1967, respectively, before earning his Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas in 1973. Leroy married Myrna Engelking on January 29, 1966. They were married for 48 years. Leroy and Myrna were blessed with one son, Chris, in 1977. Dr. Ashorn dedicated his career to educating others. Dr. Ashorn joined the faculty at Sam Houston State University in 1970 and served as a faculty member, Chair of the Department of General Business & Finance, Associate Dean & Coordinator of Graduate Studies and Interim Dean for the College of Business Administration. Leroy was a longtime member of Faith Lutheran Church, where he served in many capacities over the years to include serving as an Elder, Treasurer of the Congregation, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and member of the Building Committee. Leroy and Myrna also established Faith Lutheran Youth in the mid-70's. An active supporter of youth activities, Leroy served as a coach and officer for the Huntsville Boys Baseball Association as well as coaching for the Huntsville Soccer Association. He continued his support of youth activities as a member of both the Mean Green

Booster Club and the Huntsville High School Baseball Booster Club. Dr. Ashorn was loved and respected by students, faculty, staff, and friends at Sam Houston State University where he provided 43 years of dedicated service. He is survived by his wife Myrna, son Chris Ashorn and wife Jacki, granddaughter Kolbi Elizabeth Ashorn; mother Annie Ashorn; brother Terry Ashorn and wife Patsy and family; brother Wayne Ashorn and wife Margie and family; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews and extended family members; Gertie Hillebrand; Ed and Lana Hillebrand and family; and Charles and Linda Hillebrand and family. Leroy was preceded in death by his father and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Himly; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ashorn; and father and mother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Eikner. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home (1700 Normal Park, Huntsville, TX). An additional visitation will be held Saturday morning, at Faith Lutheran Church (111 Sumac Road, Huntsville, TX) from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Funeral Services will immediately follow at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at 3:00 p.m. in Sealy, Texas at the Sealy Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Faith Lutheran School at 111 Sumac Road, Huntsville, Texas 77340 contact number (936) 291-1706 or to the Dr. Leroy Ashorn Memorial Scholarship Fund at Sam Houston State University at P.O. Box 2056 SHSU, Huntsville, Texas 77341-2056 contact number (936) 294-1254. Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Leroy Ashorn*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Prayers for comfort and the peace of God.*

Sandy Murphy - March 22, 2014 at 10:45 AM



“ *Myrna, Chris and Jacki,
Leroy was a great colleague and an exceptional father and
husband. He will be missed by all he touched.*

Sanjay & Gurinder Mehta - March 18, 2014 at 01:12 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you at this difficult time. Dr. Ashorn will be
remembered for his love of his family and his life; Myrna's story
about him stopping to shop for a tractor after leaving the hospital in
Bryan will remain in our memories. Peace be with you and God
bless.*

Darrel Wells - March 17, 2014 at 05:55 PM



“ *Dr. Ashorn was a wonderful professor. I enjoyed his class greatly
during my master's program. I am very sorry for your loss. He was a
wonderful man, and will truly be missed. Your family will be in my
thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Christina Lipinsky - March 16, 2014 at 02:37 PM

MH

“ Myrna and Chris, my prayers for comfort, healing, strength, and understanding in the loss of a great husband and father. Leory is going to be missed by many. I am proud to have known Leory and the encouragement he gave to me.

M Hyvl - March 15, 2014 at 11:21 PM

SG

“ Myrna and Chris, I am terribly saddened to hear about the passing of Leroy. I have not words that sufficiently express the enormous respect and admiration that I had for your Husband and Dad. He was truly one of God's uniquely special gifts to all of us. It's my prayer that God will enshrowed you in HIS loving arms of protection during this difficult period. He can and HE WILL take care of YOU. We will continue to uplift you in our daily prayers.

Sam and Valerie Golden - March 15, 2014 at 06:57 PM

LH

“ Myrna, Chris and family. We are so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Leonard and Linda Haley - March 15, 2014 at 01:13 PM

MG

“ Myrna and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband and father. My thoughts and prayers are with you today.

Martha Grisham - March 15, 2014 at 12:29 AM

LC

“ I have been fortunate to have worked with Leroy for twenty years in the College of Business. He was always ready with a smile and was always so kind to me. When I met my husband 12 years ago, one of the first things he wanted to know was did I know Leroy Ashorn, his favorite teacher from many years prior. We each knew Leroy in different ways but we both admired and respected him and we will certainly miss him. Please accept our sincere condolences.

Linda and Greg Carrington - March 14, 2014 at 11:41 PM

RJ

“ To Myrna and Chris Ashorn,

Our family sends condolences for your loss. Mr. Leroy Ashorn was an amazing person and in the short time we have met him, it was always a pleasure to talk to him. May you find peace and ease of mind that he is no longer suffering and that he is at rest. God bless.

Rey Merlos & Rey Merlos Jr. - March 14, 2014 at 07:00 PM

RB

“ Myrna, Chris, Jacki & Kolbi, With deepest heart felt sympathy our hearts are saddened as I know you miss your beloved husband, father, father n law and paw paw. Many blessings being sent your way in your time of need. Sending hugs for support.

Robert & Valla Brossman - March 14, 2014 at 12:55 PM

WD

“ To the family: I am so sorry for your loss. I will miss seeing Leroy on campus and around town. He was always so positive, friendly, and interesting to talk with. Our Huntsville community will really miss Leroy! You are in my prayers!

Will Durham - March 14, 2014 at 12:40 PM

KW

“ Myrna and Chris and family, my heart goes out to you on your loss. Leroy was such a sweet man to know.

Kathy and Robert Weeks - March 14, 2014 at 11:33 AM

BI

“ Myrna & Chris - We are so sorry for your loss. You have been in our thoughts and will continue to be. May God bless you and comfort you.

Billy & Deanna & Peyton Irwin - March 13, 2014 at 06:48 PM

GC

“ Years ago, as I was congratulating Leroy on the birth of his son, he turned to me with a radiant smile, and told me he had been blessed by God, with a wonderful wife and a sweet little red-headed baby boy! His love for his family literally glowed from his face. It has been an inspiration to me every since. Myrna and Chris, I know that you will feel the peace and love being prayed for, by so many of us.
Georgiann Christopher

Georgiann Christopher - March 13, 2014 at 02:49 PM

AT

“ Myrna and Chris So sorry to hear about Leroy's passing. We will keep you and your family in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time.

Angie Thompson - March 13, 2014 at 02:48 PM

DB

“ Jacki and family, please know that you are in my prayers as you deal with this separation. My deepest sympathies are with you all. Be comforted that he is healed in heaven.

Debra Bundren - March 13, 2014 at 02:45 PM

RH

“ Myrna, Our sincere condolences in the passing of Leroy. I have lots of fond memories of Leroy and our time together in the Ph.D. program at The University of Arkansas and knowing him as a faculty member and administrator at Sam Houston State. May God bless you and your family in this time of grief and loss.

Bob Holmes

Robert Holmes - March 13, 2014 at 01:05 PM

JD

“ Myrna and Chris - We were so sad to read about Leroy's passing in the Item online. We are out of town, but our prayers are with you. Leroy was a wonderful person and neighbor. He will be missed! Jan and Steve Davis

Jan Davis - March 13, 2014 at 12:10 PM

JJ

“ Please accept my condolences. Dr. Ashorn was a wonderful person and made a significant positive difference in my life!

John Jones - March 13, 2014 at 10:57 AM

K(

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, words cannot express the heart and the loss you must be feeling right now. May the good memories never fade though..... My memories are from the Baseball fields at Kate Barr Ross Park. What a nice man and Coach to my younger brother Jamie. I am glad to have know this man and your family.

Kelley Butler (Mancil) - March 13, 2014 at 10:03 AM

TQ

“ I am very sorry to learn of Leroy's passing. Leroy had a big heart and was always quick to offer a friendly hello. Please accept my condolences.

Troy Quast - March 13, 2014 at 09:09 AM

JL

“ Leroy was a nice man. He had a good sense of humor, was always pleasant, and was well-liked by his colleagues. He was very proud of his family, and he had good reason to be proud. We will all miss him. Please accept my condolences.

Juliana Lilly - March 12, 2014 at 09:31 PM

DK

“ Carol and I extend our heartfelt sympathy. Cousin Leroy had a positive effect on so many people in his astounding career as an educator. May we offer prayers of comfort and condolences.

Dick & Carol Kabell - March 12, 2014 at 07:13 PM

TR

“ Leroy was a joy to know and a genuine pleasure to take care of all those many years. The angels rejoice at his coming, and Gods word promises we will see him again in his most perfect form, Tom .

Tom rushing - March 12, 2014 at 06:28 PM

RT

“ Dear Myrna, there are no words to express our sadness. It's a terrible loss for you, and Chris and family, and it's tough to lose a friend of 44 years. We will never forget the fun we had on Graham Road (some stories we can't tell in public)! We will miss Leroy, and remember, we are one minute from your house if you need anything, day or night! Praying for healing and God's comfort.

Riley and Raye Tilley - March 12, 2014 at 06:10 PM

EG

“ Mrs. Ashorn, Jacki, and Chris, I did not personally know Dr. Ashorn; however, I work with Jacki and she spoke so fondly of him that I know this is a tremendous loss for your family and for everyone who knew him. My heart goes out to you.

Eileen Grey - March 12, 2014 at 05:33 PM

KH

“ Myrna & Chris, I am praying for you.

Kathy Hill - March 12, 2014 at 04:10 PM

VS

“ Myrna,

Judy and I offer our condolences to you and your family at this sad time. I highly valued my friendship with Leroy and will miss him. You and your family are in our prayers.

Vic & Judy Sower - March 12, 2014 at 03:12 PM

RY

“ Myrna, Chris & family: Praying for you guys! Leroy will be missed by our community as a whole, but also to those whose lives he touched personally, like mine!

Rachel Larrison Yarabeck - March 12, 2014 at 03:00 PM

NS

“ Dear Myrna, Chris and Family, I am so sad to hear of Dr. Ashorn's passing. I have such fond memories of him and the countless hours we spent at your house hitting baseballs or just hanging out. It was like a second home. He was a great man, husband and father. My family will always hold a special place in our hearts for him.

Nathan Sprague - March 12, 2014 at 02:21 PM

MB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you both during this time. Dr. Ashorn left a great impression on me during my time at SHSU, as I know he did with so many others. My condolences to you both Myrna and Chris.

Melissa Kimbrough Beardsley - March 12, 2014 at 02:10 PM

HN

“ Myrna and family, I am sorry for your loss. Leroy's presence will be missed at the College of Business Administration, SHSU. May his soul rest in peace!

Hiranya Nath - March 12, 2014 at 01:27 PM

MF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.

Mellicwnt Wiley and Family - March 12, 2014 at 01:20 PM

GL

“ *Myrna, Chris and Family,
My heart felt condolences on the loss of Leroy. I have many fond memories of your sweet family, and Dr. Ashorn's gleaming smile is one of the best. Thinking of you all and praying during this difficult time.*

Glenna Laughlin - March 12, 2014 at 12:42 PM

KU

“ *Dear Myrna,*

I am thinking of you and your family, and am sending a lot of love to all of you. Leroy was one of a kind, and one of the reasons I moved to Huntsville. I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love, Kathy

Kathy Utecht - March 12, 2014 at 11:22 AM

LS

“ *Dear Myrna,*

I'm so sorry to hear about Dr. Ashorn. Know that I am praying for you and your family. May the Lord Bless You.

Lorri Vickers Stewart

Lorri Vickers Stewart - March 12, 2014 at 10:48 AM

KB

“ As I search for just the right words to say, it occurred to me just how inadequate words are to describe how much Dr. Ashorn meant to me. He was a great man who had a huge impact on my life and career. For that I will forever be grateful. Thank you so very much for sharing him with us. Praying for peace and comfort in this most difficult time.

Kelly Bielamowicz - March 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

TH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We have so many fond memories of our kids playing sports together. God Bless you

Terry and Dalia Harrelson - March 11, 2014 at 10:44 PM

LL

“ Your family is such an example of a loving, dedicated family. Such an inspiration to me. I can't imagine your loss, but know you are lifted in prayers. So sorry for your loss.

Lorri lehman - March 11, 2014 at 10:08 PM

BB

“ Myma and Chris,

I was so blessed to have worked for your husband and father for over 10 years. We always began our meetings with family updates and I got to see so many pictures and hear so many amazing family stories. Thank you so much for sharing him with us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bob and Mona Barragan - March 11, 2014 at 08:51 PM

MM

“ *Myrna & family,*

We are so sorry for your loss. We have fond memories of him coaching the kids in soccer.

He has touched many students with his teaching abilities through the years.

You are in our prayers.

*Mike & Sherrill McDowell
Kasie Chamberlain Kroll*

Mike & Sherrill McDowell - March 11, 2014 at 04:27 PM

NJ

“ *Myrna, so very sorry to read about Leroy's death! He was a very special person. Norma Dell Jones (Former SHSU Alumni Director) of Lovelady.*

Norma Dell Jones - March 11, 2014 at 04:21 PM

GK

“ *Myrna and Chris, We are so very sorry for your loss. Leroy was a GREAT man and he will be missed very much. We are praying for strength and comfort to help you through this difficult time. Love and hugs!*

Gerald and Suzette Kohers - March 11, 2014 at 03:41 PM

KF

“ *Myrna and Chris, I am so sorry for your loss. But what a wonderful husband and father you both had. You were his world, and he let everyone know it. Such a very special man who contributed to all of our lives in so many different ways. Words seem so inadequate to express my heart today. Please feel my hug and know that I am praying for your peace and comfort and the healing of your hearts.*

Kay Fountain - March 11, 2014 at 03:31 PM