



## Morris Inman Waller

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Morris Inman Waller was born in Trinity, Texas to the late Dennis B. Waller and Ethel Taylor Waller. He graduated from Huntsville High School in 1946. He then attended Sam Houston State University and received a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1949. During the Korean Conflict, Morris served as Naval Officer aboard the USS Toledo (CA 133) in the Pacific Theater.

Morris and Janith Adrian Tavenner of San Mateo, California were married in 1955 and moved to Austin where he attended the University of Texas and earned an MBA in Banking and Finance. For the next 30 years, Morris pursued a career in banking and was the Chief Executive Officer of a Huntsville Bank at the time of his retirement in 1986. He formed Enterprise Energy and managed oil and gas properties before retiring again. A Rotarian for 38 years and a Paul Harris Fellow, Morris served his local club in all official capacities. He also served as Chair of the District 5910 Permanent Fund Initiative Committee, making speeches to clubs throughout the district. As Team Leader of the Group Study Exchange, he led groups throughout Germany.

For 37 years, Morris was Chair of the Robert A. Josey Lodge, Inc., a foundation that owns and manages the local Boy Scout property. He was one of the founders of the Good Shepherd Mission of Huntsville and served as its President and Director.

Morris served as City Councilman and Mayor of Huntsville from 1972 – 1981. He was very proud to serve his community. Many accomplishments were possible because of a council membership that was aggressive and forward thinking. A Water Supply Plant and Sewer Plant was built to ensure services for the citizens of Huntsville for many years to come. The City Manager Form of Government was adopted and the first City Manager elected. The council designated part of the airport property as a youth baseball park, quickly followed by other park facilities. A new City Hall was contracted and built, and the North Huntsville Wastewater Treatment Facility was built in response to growing needs. Morris was dedicated to service and the future of the City of Huntsville.

Sam Houston State University honored Morris by naming him a Distinguished Alumnus in 1984. In 1997, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Arts and Sciences

Department of the University.

Morris served as a Director of the International Camellia Society. He attended the International Camellia Society Conference in China and New Zealand. He participated in many Camellia Shows and won awards for his prize camellias.

Morris enjoyed reading, especially history, and traveling. He was an avid bird watcher and enjoyed sharing camellias with his friends and neighbors.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jan Waller and two daughters, Karen Van Eaton (David) and Cheryl Hersh; three grandchildren, Grant Waller Van Eaton, Ross Tavenner Van Eaton and Christine Elizabeth Hersh; brother-in-law Bob Tavenner (Jayne); and numerous cousins and long-time friends.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 7th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park, Huntsville. The celebration of Morris's life will be held at 11:00 on Monday, June 8th at First United Methodist Church in Huntsville, Texas. The family will hold a private burial service and his remains will be interred at the family's plot, Adickes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to the Building Fund or the Endowment Fund of the First United Methodist Church, 1016 Sam Houston Avenue, Huntsville, Texas 77320.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Huntsville  
1016 North Sam Houston Ave  
Huntsville, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Inman Waller*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

LV

“ *May God bless the Waller family during this time. Mr. Waller was an awesome man and blessing to the Huntsville community.*

**Lorri Vickers** - June 17, 2015 at 10:26 AM

RS

“ *Thank you Waller family for your service and dedication to this community. Your legacy lives on in many tangible means. The folks impacted by Good Shepherd Mission, the City Municipalities, Boy Scouts and more are in your debt.*

*Peace,*

*Rev. Dave Smith, Exec. Dir. Good Shepherd Mission*

**Rev Dave Smith** - June 09, 2015 at 03:43 PM

MM

“ *We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of Morris Waller and want to express our deepest condolences. He made a huge mark on our community and always had a smile on his face and worked hard for the better of the community that we all live in and he will be greatly missed. 1 John 3:13-15. No one has ever gone into Heaven except the one who came from Heaven-the Son of man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up that everyone who believes in him shall have eternal life.*

*Our Deepest Sympathy,*

*Floyd, Maryann Moore, Donna and Johnny Moore.*

**Maryann and Floyd Moore** - June 07, 2015 at 05:14 PM

MM

“ *Maryann And Floyd Moore lit a candle in memory of Morris Inman Waller*



**Maryann and Floyd Moore** - June 07, 2015 at 05:00 PM

FZ

“ Fain and Roger Zimmerman purchased the Violets And Butterflies for the family of Morris Inman Waller.



Fain and Roger Zimmerman - June 07, 2015 at 01:41 PM

DO

“ Gwynne and I feel a real sense of loss of a personal friend and demonstrated friend to many and leader of our Community in the passing of Morris Waller. Morris maintained a friendship to all and his leadership through the years is a great pattern for many. He was a long term active member of the Huntsville Rotary Club, where, in one of his last attendances this spring, he presented a beautiful array of his prized camellias to all ladies in attendance. I will miss his warm greetings, friendly demeanor and encouraging words.  
Don and Gwynne Johnson

Don - June 06, 2015 at 03:38 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry for your loss of husband and dad. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Judy Sower

Judy Sower - June 06, 2015 at 01:19 PM

MW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. No matter how busy Morris was, he always took the time to say hello and he was always smiling.

Mellicent Sikes Wiley & Family  
Bobby II, Heather, Heath & Justin



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - June 06, 2015 at 09:15 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Morris Inman Waller.



June 06, 2015 at 12:30 AM

WS

“ *Andrea and I send our sincerest condolences to the Waller family. Morris and I became friends through our local Roatary Club and I learned to greatly admire him as a man. He truly loved being a public servant and has left a great legacy through his service to our community.*

*Wayne and Andrea Scott*

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**Wayne Scott** - June 05, 2015 at 05:07 PM