



Norris "Tom" Black

February 28, 1917 - March 20, 2008

Commander Norris E. (Tom) Black Tom Black, 91, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, March 15, 2008. Tom was born February 28, 1917, in Baird, Texas; he was the second of seven boys. He graduated from high school in Baird, Texas and then went on to Hardin Simmons University where he graduated with a major in math. Afterwards, he went to the University of Texas, where he was one of the founding members of the UT Gymnastics Club, and graduated with a major in mechanical engineering. He received a certificate in Aero Engineering and a certificate in Naval Architecture from CalTech and the University of Michigan; respectively. After retirement, he received a Masters in Industrial Arts and P.E. at Sam Houston State University. Tom enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1941 and retired with the rank of Commander after 21 years of service. During World War II, he was an engineer officer and serviced planes and Navy vessels. His unit received a citation from Admiral Nimitz for preparing planes for the Battle of Midway. After the war, he oversaw the construction of several Navy ships. While on leave from the Navy in 1946 he met and married his lovely wife Wanda. They shared almost 63 years of marriage and raised two children together while traveling to various Navy posts. They moved to Huntsville in 1962, where Tom built a house on Possum Walk Road, and resided there for 45 years. Tom loved to garden, walk, hunt rocks, pitch washers, and especially play "42". He was an active member of Second Baptist Church during his time in Huntsville and is now in the hands of his Savior, Jesus Christ. Preceded in death by his

parents J.R. Black and Ada Eubanks Black, his step-mother Mrs. J.R. "Minnie" Black, brothers Gordon "Hut" Black, Truett Black, Truman Black, and Ray "Pinky" Black, and son-in-law Ray "Skip" Crow. Survived by his wife, Wanda Rogers Black, his son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Terrie Black, his daughter Camille Crow, and his brothers J.R. Black Jr., and Eugene Black. Grandchildren: Courtney Cooper, Ashli Stafford and husband Mike, Lindsay Crow, Anna Turri and husband Maurizio, and Jon Black. Great-Grandchildren: Kyle, Ryan, and Colby Cooper, as well as Jordyn and Clay Stafford. Family visitation will be from 5:30 to 7:30 pm Wednesday, March 19, 2008. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 am Thursday, March 20, 2008. Both the visitation and the service will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park, Huntsville, Texas. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch: P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174 or The Ronald McDonald House: Ronald McDonald House Charities, Attn: Charitable Accounting, One Kroc Drive, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Norris "Tom" Black*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Steve and Terry,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Steve, your dad must have been an unique man, just reading about him in the newspaper.

Dio ti benedica,

Carol and Peter

Peter and Carol Cooper - March 19, 2008 at 11:28 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the Black Family.*

David and Becca King - March 19, 2008 at 01:23 PM



“ *Camille,*

You are in our thoughts and prayers here at Mays. Memories are like treasures so hold on to them forever.

Take care!

Theresa A. Morrison - March 18, 2008 at 12:45 PM

JM

“ Steve, Terri and family. We are sorry to learn of Mr. Black's passing. Our thoughts are with you and all the family.

Joyce & Jimmy Merchant - March 18, 2008 at 12:37 PM

TV

“ Dear Family,
We will always remember how Mr. Black took care of us. We could count on Tom being there whenever we needed anything. You are all very special to us and you will be in our prayers during this time of loss. You will always be a part of "our" family. We love you all.
Terry and Denise Vogler

Terry & Denise Vogler - March 18, 2008 at 12:33 PM

JJ

“ Dear Wanda and family
We're so sorry to read about Tommie(Tommie to us). We remember him back in the times he came to Admiral. Especially the time he balanced on a chair for us. He was so handsome and had such a good personality. And he was so nice to us. Of course you know all these things and more. We're so sorry not to be able to attend his memorial and we will miss him. Love,JO,Goldia and Dorothy

Jo Jones - March 18, 2008 at 10:25 AM

JH

“ Steve, Terrie, Anna & Jon,
Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your father Steve. We have each of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Jo & Stan Hines

Jo & Stan Hines - March 18, 2008 at 09:15 AM

JD

“ Steve,
Sorry for your loss. I am sure you will cherish
his memory.
JD & Vicki

JD & Vicki Davis - March 17, 2008 at 11:57 AM

AM

“ Dr. & Mrs. Black, Anna and Jon - I will always remember Mr. Black
as a genuinely kind person with a smile on his face and an upbeat
attitude every day. My favorite part of work was when he stop in for
a few minutes. No matter what kind of day I was having, he made it
better! He will be greatly missed. My love, thoughts and prayers are
with you all. My best, Angela Scott Munson

Angela Scott Munson - March 16, 2008 at 02:09 PM

AJ

“ Heartfelt love and prayers for you & your family. Cherish the
wonderful memories.

Love,

Donnie and Anita Jones

Anita Jones - March 15, 2008 at 09:00 PM