



Thomas Earl Ayres

April 27, 1933 - August 31, 2021

Thomas Earl Ayres of Montgomery, TX passed away on August 31, 2021 in Conroe, TX. Tom was born on April 27, 1933 in Bremerton, WA to Gerald Anson Ayres and Ruth Midgley Ayres.

He was a graduate of Manistee high school in Manistee, MI in 1952 and a graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science in Geology in 1956. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1956 and received an honorable discharge in 1964. He married the love of his life, Nancy Eileen Hixon in 1957. They celebrated their 64th anniversary on August 22 of this year. He retired from Exxon Mobil after 35 years. He was active in many Lutheran congregations and organizations over his lifetime. He served on the Texas Lutheran University Corporation as a member and presiding officer. Tom and Nancy have been members of Living Savior Lutheran Church in Montgomery, TX since 2010.

Tom is survived by wife Nancy; children Thomas Kevin Ayres (spouse Gwendolyn Marie Ayres), Mary Lynn Ayres, Steven Kyle Ayres (spouse Aniko Maria Ayres), Nancy Kathleen Saxton (spouse Hugh Scott Saxton); grandchildren Lauren Marie Ayres (spouse Jared Daniel Grabau), Kathryn Elaine Ayres, Caleb Scott Saxton, Jacob Evan Saxton, Sarah Eileen Saxton, Kyle Tamas Ayres, Julia Skye Ayres; and brother Gerald Ayres (spouse Sally Ayres).

Funeral will be at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Montgomery, TX on Saturday September 11, 2021. Viewing will be at 10 AM with the service at

11AM. There will be a reception at Living Savior Lutheran Church in Montgomery, TX following the service. Burial will be at Smith Memorial Park in Willis TX at 2 PM.

Memorials can be given to Texas Lutheran University and Living Savior Lutheran Church in Montgomery, TX.

Flowers can be sent to the family through the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details

Smith Memorial Park

10129 FM 1097 Rd W
Willis, TX 77318

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Montgomery
20850 Eva. St.
Montgomery, TX 77356

Funeral Service

SEP 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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20850 Eva. St.
Montgomery, TX 77356

Graveside Service

SEP 11. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Smith Memorial Park
10129 FM 1097 Rd W
Willis, TX 77318

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Earl Ayres*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *We will miss you, Tom. We had so many good times together. We have precious memories. Our sincere sympathy to Nancy and family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Tom was a true gentleman. Always kind and thoughtful. He always placed importance on family. We'll meet again and have a great reunion in our eternal home.*

Linda Hixon - September 11, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *Tom and I wanted to get together several times after I moved to the Houston area in 2014, to go over our high school years, but it never worked out, much to my regret. We were good friends in school and were happily surprised that we ended up living so close to each other, and so far from MHS. Our failure to meet up here was another tragic consequence of the pandemic. He really was a good man. Our sympathies to his family. Bill & Billie Bradford, League City, TX*



William E and Billie C Bradford - September 10, 2021 at 11:06 PM

Darren
Matthew

“ Darren Matthew lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Earl Ayres



Darren Matthew - September 09, 2021 at 05:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Thomas Earl Ayres.



September 08, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Thomas Earl Ayres.



September 08, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ From OGE Supply Chain and fellow Members
purchased the With Distinction for the family of
Thomas Earl Ayres.



From OGE Supply Chain and fellow Members - September
08, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Earl Ayres.* ”



September 08, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ *Nancy E. Zirkle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Earl Ayres.* ”



Nancy E. Zirkle - September 08, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album* ”



Scott Johnsgard - September 08, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ *Kind. Generous. Faithful.* ”

Michael Rinehart - September 07, 2021 at 03:52 PM

DB

“ Aunt Nancy, I'm so sorry to hear of Uncle Tom's passing. Such a kind, warm, engaging soul. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Dean Bivens - September 06, 2021 at 08:06 PM

CD

“ Tom was always complimenting our cooking at Living Savior when we participated in the cook team. He and Nancy were a joy to be around.

colleen and jim duhon - September 06, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Thomas Earl Ayres.



September 06, 2021 at 06:06 PM

DW

“ DON & DIANNA WOOD purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Thomas Earl Ayres.



DON & DIANNA WOOD - September 06, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Earl Ayres.*



September 06, 2021 at 09:15 AM



“ *Tom was one of the first people I met when I started at Humble Oil in Tyler, TX. I was lucky to have him as my primary mentor until the office closed and we moved to Houston. He was also responsible for getting me involved with the Boy Scouts Area Council, where he was an important figure.*

Tom was not only a genuinely nice guy - he was incredibly far-sighted in his field. I remember him taking courses in Boolean algebra and computer science (and trying to explain it to us!) before most of us had even seen a digital computer. The world is a better place for Tom's time with us.

Our thoughts are with Nancy and his family.

John Ossenfort

John Ossenfort - September 05, 2021 at 03:52 PM



“ *Ginny Callihan, BEMRC, member purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas Earl Ayres.*



Ginny Callihan, BEMRC, member - September 04, 2021 at 01:46 PM