



## Morris Erwin Tardiff Jr.

November 13, 1945 - August 8, 2015

Morris Erwin Tardiff, Jr., beloved husband, father, brother and prayer warrior was welcomed into Heaven on Saturday, August 8, 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents, Morris and Ruby Ethel Tardiff; grandparents: George and Stella Taylor and Gus and Lottie Tardiff; and his father-in-law, Ross M. Dempsey.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; his daughter Stephanie Schumann and her husband Jeff, his son, Douglas Cross and wife Jodi, his beloved sister, Kay Pratka and husband Mark, his nephews: Brent Pratka and wife Christi and great nephew Barret; Kurt Pratka and wife Danielle and Clay Pratka and wife Beverly; and his most loved grandchildren: Jordan and Sara Schumann, and Robert, Gabriel, and Emily Cross and "adopted" grandkids Kyrah Schoenberger and Ashley McCrory.

Morris was born on November 13, 1945 in El Campo, TX where he grew up. He served in the U.S. Army; a proud Viet Nam veteran, Morris was an unabashed patriot. He moved to Houston after his military service, working at Ingersoll Rand in the pump parts department. In 1983, he took his considerable parts knowledge and with his partner founded TK Service. He and partner, Bill Mayfield, were enjoying their best year ever in 2015.

Morris married the love of his life, Carol in 1983 and he immediately became

father and confidant to Stephanie, 15, and Doug, 9. Carol and Morris are active members of First United Methodist Houston Church in downtown Houston, serving on the Administrative Board, member of Sunday school class, Alpha and Omega, mission work in Port Houston, and the church's prayer ministry. To Morris, family was his passion. He is beloved Burr, Grampie, Junior and Pete to those who love him. Morris will be remembered for his love of God, church, family, and his compassion for those in need of prayer.

Visitation will be at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel at 3900 BF Terry Blvd, Rosenberg, TX from 4-8 pm on Sunday, August 16th. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 am, Monday, August 17th at the First United Methodist Church at 1320 Main Street, Houston. Interment will be at 1:00 in the historic Morton Cemetery, in Richmond, TX.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the First United Methodist Church-Houston General Ministry or Missions.

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Burr, Happy Anniversary, but I really wish you were still here. I spent the weekend with Kay last week and she is doing just fine. She misses you deeply, but she is good. Barrett is getting big, and the whole Pratka Family is doing great. Carol checks in on Facebook from time to time and she is doing great as well. Sadly, it seems longer than a year. I am sending good thoughts your way. Miss you Jackie*

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**Jackie Sullivan** - August 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Words can't express the sadness over the loss of cousin Burr. Wish I could be there to hold your hand Carol. Thoughts and prayers.*

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**Susan Streich** - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you all. Love you all*

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**Karen & Heath Norris** - August 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *You will always be loved and never forgotten.*

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**Cynthia Arriola** - August 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *There will always be a special place in our hearts for a man who was so wonderful. Thank you for sharing him with us! I always remember the look on Kait's face when she rec'd the package from "SC" and it just restored her faith in Christmas! Rest in Peace Mr. Morris! You will be missed. Loved my many and cherished by all!*

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**Shannon, Jeremy & Kaitlynn LeBleu** - August 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Sending our Sincere Condolences during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Chris&Sandy Wishert - August 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Please accept our sincere condolences during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Sergio and Teresa Castagnin - August 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Carol, we were saddened to learn of Morris's passing. He was a great guy. Ken has fond memories of their golf outings.

Terry & Ken Meaux - August 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ My deepest condolences to Morris' family. He will be missed.

Laura Mayfield - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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MN

“ A friend indeed and a light in fact a journey well earned- see you later Morris

Montique A Nelson - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our Burr was truly one of the sweetest men I have ever known. He loved his family, friends, and God. It is an honor to be able to say he is my cousin. He and Carol were so wonderful to my Mother and I will never forget that. I recently saw this message about Crossing Over and I hope all of our family can appreciate it and knows he is in good hands. We have many angels in Heaven that were there to catch Burr when he fell into Heaven.

### *Crossing Over*

*Oh, please don't feel guilty  
It was just my time to go.  
I see you are still feeling sad,  
And the tears just seem to flow.  
We all come to earth for our lifetime,  
And for some it's not many years  
I don't want you to keep crying  
You are shedding so many tears.  
I haven't really left you  
Even though it may seem so.  
I have just gone to my heavenly home,  
And I'm closer to you than you know.  
Just believe that when you say my name,  
I'm standing next to you,  
I know you long to see me,  
But there's nothing I can do.  
But I'll still send you messages  
And hope you understand,  
That when your time comes to  
"cross over," I'll be there to  
take your hand.*

*I think this says it perfectly, and I hope everyone believes this and believes we will all see Burr again.*

*I love you Burr,*

*Jackie Sullivan*

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**Jackie Sullivan** - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *He was a gentle giant and dear friend. His sweet smile and tender heart will be terribly missed. We loved this man.*

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**Bill and Kathy Mayfield** - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Dear Carol,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Peggy McMahon** - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ *Our deepest condolences. Some of my fondest memories are my extended weekend visits to Not go to the Houston Open, binge watching an entire season of "24", and going to church followed by the Astros vs Padres at Minute Maid Park. I know Dad and Morris are "up there" toasting his wonderful life with some Crown Royal.*

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**Wayne&Bella Dempsey** - August 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM