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Graveside services for Doctor Richard Edward Riggins, 81, of Longview will be held at 11 AM Monday, March 26th at Rosewood Park Mausoleum Chapel. Family visitation will be Sunday, March 25th from 5-7 pm at Rader Funeral Home of Longview. Doctor Riggins went to be with his heavenly father Thursday, March 22, 2012 after a heroic battle with lung cancer and complications.

Richard was born October 11, 1930 to Claude and Willie Mae Riggins in their home in Stamps, Arkansas. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Quinton Riggins and Bobby Riggins.

Doctor Riggins is a Christian and chose to worship his Lord Jesus and his heavenly Father at the Longview First Baptist Church, where he was a member. He was also a member of the Precepts Bible Study Class.

Along the road toward his DDS degree, Dr. Riggins graduated from Tyler High School in 1948, where he was nominated "Most Handsome Boy", attended Tyler Junior College, North Texas State at Denton, Syracuse University in New York where he became fluent in written and spoken Russian, the University of Texas at Austin where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa, received a BA degree, and finally the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston where he received his DDS degree in 1960. Dr. Riggins opened his dental practice in Longview in 1960 and retired in 2000. He always considered it an honor and a privilege to be a member of the dental profession. He was a retired life member of the East Texas Dental Society, the Texas Dental Association where he served many years on the Executive Board, and the American Dental Association. He was also a member of the International College of Dentists. His staff and his patients were cherished members of his family.

Dr. Riggins served his country in the USAF Security Service during the Korean War based in Japan decoding Russian communications. He was a Master Mason in Pine Tree Masonic Lodge #1396, a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Knight Templar



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York Rite Mason and a member of Sharon Shrine Temple.

Dr. Riggins is survived by his wife, Frankie Ketchum Parson-Riggins of Longview, and two daughters, Rebecca Riggins of Longview and Rachel Riggins Schuler of Austin, a son-in-law John Schuler, and three granddaughters, Lauren Schuler, Jennifer Schuler, and Michelle Schuler, all of Austin. Joyce House Riggins, the mother of his children. Frankie's children, David Parson of Austin and his son, Noah, and Tracey Parson Welborn, her husband Dayne and their children Brooks and Miranda of Longview.

Richard enjoyed Longhorn football, fishing with his friends, learning to fly, and spending time with his family.

The family would like to thank Dr. Riggins' team of doctors and the ICU nursing staff of Good Shepherd Medical Center for all their compassionate care during his stay. Memorial contributions may be made to Samaritan's Purse, P. O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607-3000; Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607; or the House of Disciples, P. O. Box 1207, Longview, TX 75606



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Frankie and Family, We at House of Disciples would like to extend our deepest sympathy for the loss of Dr. Riggins. We just received a memorial in his honor and were shocked to learn that one of our greatest supporters had passed away. You are all in our prayers and we pray that God wrap you in His loving arms during this time of great loss. We will never forget the generosity Dr. Riggins showed our ministry. With love, House of Disciples##imported-begin##House of Disciples##imported-end##

April 2 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dr. Riggins was truly a wonderful man and will be missed, it was an honor to work for him . I will never forget how good he was to me and my family. We all loved him. Jennifer White##imported-begin##Jennifer White##imported-end##

March 27 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Frankie and family, we are so sorry to hear about Richard's passing. He was a wonderful guy and Harry and I, both, enjoyed visiting with him at our family reunions. God's peace and comfort be with you all at this time is our prayer for you and your family. Cousin Vicki and Harry##imported-begin##Harry and Vicki Crabtree##imported-end##

March 27 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Frankie my deepest prayers and thoughts are with you and the family, words won't make it better but know that you are not alone.##imported-begin##Sherri Ungerer##imported-end##

March 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dr. Riggins was our family dentist for many years. He was always kind, warm, and considerate. A very pleasant and happy man. We will miss him deeply.##imported-begin##Wayne and Carolyn Hearn##imported-end##

March 25 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Frankie, We are sorry for your loss. Our prayers go out to you and your family. The Jenkins Family

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Frankie! I was so saddened to learn of Richard's passing. Please know that you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Just wanted you all to know I am thinking of you today. I did not know Dr. Riggins but I do know he was loved by all of you and will be missed. Keeping your family in my prayers. Love, Dana

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Frankie -- Everyone at Longview Mall including many retailers you worked with over the years -- too many to mention here along with your staff wants you to know how much we love you and are thinking about you at this time. Julie Rigby Phyllis Gilmore Monica Hale Monica Bermea Harry McMahan John Quick Archie Lacy Jim Henderson Bruce Veasey Leah Cox Frank Duvall

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our prayers are with the family. Dr. Riggins was a great caring dentist and will be missed.

March 25 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Frankie, My sincere condolences to you and Richard's family. He was a real gentleman and always seemed to know what to say to others to make them feel good. I will miss him at our reunions and family get-togethers. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Sue Strasser##imported-end##

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dr. Riggins was my dentist as a child and teenager. He was also my brother's, mother's, and grandmother's dentist. We all adored Dr. Riggins. He was such a wonderful man, very kindhearted and always smiling! To this day, I still can't understand how he got those large hands inside my child-size mouth, but he always managed! He made going to the dentist a fun experience, which is not so easy to do. Dr. Riggins will be missed, for the kind dentist he was and the wonderful man we all knew and loved. Rest in peace.##imported-begin##Leslie Wilhelm##imported-end##

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Frankie and family,My family was probably the first of many friends Richard had in Longview. My father Pee Wee Possoit was instrumental in helping Richard open his practice in Longview. I also helped in his office when I first started working. He was a wonderful person and I can just imagine he and Pee Wee laughing about old times and telling fishing stories.Joe and I will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Alice & Joe Poore##imported-end##

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will really miss seeing Richard at the Schuler house in Austin. He was always so upbeat and fun to be around. Many thoughts and prayers to you.##imported-begin##jean schuler##imported-end##

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Frankie,We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.SincerelyJo and Ronnie Lee##imported-begin##Jo and Ronnie Lee##imported-end##

March 24 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

To the family and particularly to Frankie, You have my heart felt condolences for the loss of a truly great man, loving husband and father, and a pillar and rock of this community. My many interactions with him over the years were made memorable by his personal warmth and personal touch that made everybody welcome to talk to him. He handled his later years with grace and dignity. The family will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Randy Bannister##imported-end##

March 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am really going to miss Dr. Riggins. I learned so much from him and the way he interacted with his patients and his staff. It was an honor to have worked for him, and to have known him, and to have learned from him. He loved teaching his staff, he loved his patients and was exemplary in his dental practice. He truly made me the hygienist I am today because he cared so much. Rest in Peace dear friend and mentor. With love and respect, Jackie##imported-begin##Jackie and Pat Muehlstein##imported-end##

March 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will miss you Uncle Richard. I cherish our time together while my parents, Margaret and Bob Riggins were ill and all of your special stories about their lives especially yours and my Dad's life as children. You were an inspiration to all of us and will be dearly missed. My prayers and thoughts to your wife Frankie and children Rachel and Rebecca. Love, Linda##imported-begin##Linda Riggins Murphy##imported-end##

March 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the Riggins Family: Dr. Riggins was always a very good friend to my family, my wife Kathy and my sister Brenda of Longview. I have such good memories of Richard and he was loved and respected by everyone who knew him. God Bless to you all during this sad time, Regards.##imported-begin##Michael A. Campbell##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Frankie and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Sherry Moore-Molpus

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Anonymous posted:

Frankie, I'm sorry for your loss. Big Rich was a kind-hearted man who always made me feel welcome when visiting. He is and will be missed and will continue on with us in our memories and spirits.

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Anonymous posted:

Fankie, please know that I have you and your family in my prayers. I remember seeing Richard at Luby's almost every time I was there. Remember the fond memories! Bless you, Frankie

March 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts are with you and your family at this most difficult time. Sincerely Monique, James, Chris and Steph.

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Anonymous posted:

richard was our neighbor at lake cherokee in 1962 to 1965. we came to know and love the entire family, he will be missed.

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Anonymous posted:

Frankie, You have my heartfelt condolences for Your loss, although I only saw him once or twice, I know He will be missed by a great many. There is an old song that may bring You comfort, it is called "Gathering Flowers For The Masters Bouquet" May God Bless and keep You. With much love, Gary.##imported-begin##Gary W Foster##imported-end##

March 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dr. Riggins was a true gentleman. He will be missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Barbara Hunter##imported-end##

March 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

A wonderful friend and dentist. I will miss you so much.##imported-begin##Avil Murphy##imported-end##

March 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Richard had the gift of making everyone around him feel special. Somehow he always kept the conversation about them. He was what I call a "man's man." I will miss him dearly as I know that others will too. Frankie, you are blessed as much as he is.##imported-begin##Bill Bussey##imported-end##

March 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Frankie, I am so sorry for your loss of Richard. I learned of his passing today at our East TX Dental Society meeting. We were all reminded of how much effort and work Richard put into our dental profession. He will be missed by many and replaced by none. He had an amazing ability to work through our profession's politics and make some sense of the laws and by-laws and do what was right for all of us !!! He was a true gentleman and I will always admire and respect him,,,Laurie and I are with you in thought and prayer,,,love, Don and Laurie O'Neal##imported-begin##Don O'Neal##imported-end##

March 22 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Frankie,I am truly sorry for your loss. Know that you are being thought of. My thoughts and prayers are with you.Sincerely,Elaine##imported-begin##Elaine Reynolds##imported-end##

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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