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**R**obert Michael Holbert, of Longview, Texas, passed away on May 16, 2024. Mike was preceded in death by his father Robert Charles Holbert, and mother Pearl Shaw Holbert. He is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years Kathi Graff Holbert; children Jennifer and Chad Price; and Ellyn and Ryan Cook. His legacy continues with his grandchildren Caroline and Jack Price; and Heath and William Cook. He is survived by his sister Betsy Holbert Tidwell.

Mike was born on January 27 1950, in Kilgore, Texas. After Mike graduated from Longview High school in 1968 and the University of Texas in Austin in 1973, he returned to Longview and entered the Holbert/Morgan family business and was a co-owner and pharmacist in Louis Morgan Pharmacy where he served his customers for over 50 years.

A leadership and service ethic evidenced itself early in his life as he earned his Eagle Scout badge in his early teens. He was a faithful volunteer and served many roles in his community where his leadership ethic shown through as he often times ended his roles in local leadership as President or Chairman of the entity. He served as President of Pinecrest County Club, Chairman the board of Crisman School for Children With Learning Disabilities and as the President of Longfellows. Mike was honored to serve on the Board of Directors of Texas Bank and Trust as well. Having been raised in a pharmacy family, when Mike became co-owner and pharmacist at Louis Morgan Pharmacy, he brought “old school” values as well as current business practices. He and his wife Kathi transformed Louis Morgan into a destination gift shop that was known for its wide array of every occasion gift items. While there in the back, with some customers calling him Doctor Mike, the pharmacist provided comforting advice and information providing if not a second opinion, a comforting explanation as to what a doctor might have meant and just how a medication was to work. Whether it was Doc, Mike or Mister Holbert, the man in the back was unfailingly loyal to customer and personal friend as well and a servant to any who might appear at his door.



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Mike's life story is a testament to the profound impact one individual can have on their community. His dedication to his family, his unwavering commitment to his customers at Louis Morgan, and his ability to forge lasting relationships with every person he met, are the hallmarks of a life well-lived. Mike's legacy is not just in the successful business he ran or the family he raised, but also in the countless lives he touched with his generosity and spirit.

The love he had for his grandchildren was evident in every aspect of his life. From the long drives to Dallas to care for his grandchildren, to the pride he took in displaying their photos and sharing their achievements, Mike's actions spoke volumes of his devotion. His decision to close the store for Heath's first birthday is a poignant reminder of the priorities he held dear – family always came first.

Mike's ability to connect with people extended beyond his immediate circle. He had the rare gift of making everyone feel like they mattered, turning strangers into friends with ease. His presence at a restaurant was often marked by his absence at the table, as he preferred to engage in conversations with new acquaintances, leaving a lasting impression on all he encountered.

In remembering Mike, we are reminded of the values that make a community strong: love, dedication, and the bonds we form with one another. His story inspires us to cherish our relationships, to contribute positively to our communities, and to live a life that, when reflected upon, is full of meaningful connections and heartfelt moments. Mike's memory will continue to live on, not only in Longview but in the hearts of all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

A Memorial Service for Mike will be held Monday, May 20th, 2:00pm at First United Methodist Church in Longview. Memorials may be made to the charities of your choice. Cremation arrangements are under the care of Rader Funeral Home in Longview.




# Events


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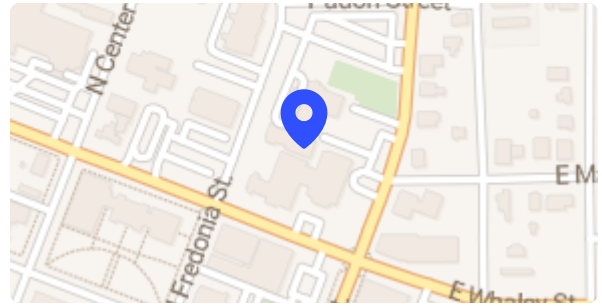
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## Memorial Service

 **Monday**, May 20, 2024

 2:00 PM CT

 **First United Methodist Church**  
400 N Fredonia St, Longview TX 75601





## Tribute Wall

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**James Nichols** posted:

Mike was one of the nicest, most humble person I've ever known. He had a permanent smile and genuinely loved serving others. I just learned of his passing today and was saddened to hear this. Prayers for his family and be proud of his legacy.

May 14 at 1:20 PM



**Linda** posted:

I enjoyed getting to know him and being greeted with a smile at Louis morgan! Rest in peace. You have left a wonderful legacy in Longview !!

May 27 at 8:09 AM



**Jill Littlejohn** posted:

What a kind, kind man Mike was. He will be missed. Hugs to you Kathi. With love, Jill & Mark Littlejohn

May 22 at 11:14 AM



**Julie Pipak** posted:

We pray for you Kathi and family. Mike was an amazing man.

May 21 at 11:20 AM



**Maggie Quinn Landman** lit a candle in honor of Robert.



May 21 at 6:48 AM



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**Sally Barron** posted:

Mike touched so many lives and I am blessed to be a life that he touched and made such a difference in my life. Like was stated in his obit, he made each of us feel important by developing a personal relationship with the countless life's he touched. There is no one that will replace him as the %1 best pharmacist. Mike was definitely a servant leader for our community and beyond.I am extending my deepest sympathy to Kathi and family. May they find a sense of peace knowing that Mike lives in the hearts of many. I am sending the family love, hugs, and prayers.

May 20 at 6:42 PM



**Emily S.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.



May 20 at 3:36 PM



**James Adams Jr.** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers to Kathi and family. Mike was a good friend and always made time to visit with us when we were in the pharmacy. He will be missed by all who knew him.Dona and Jimmy Adams

May 20 at 7:20 AM



**Bubba May** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

I am so saddened by the loss of this very Fine, Considerate and Caring Friend. Mike would always take the time to get involved and help anyone with a situation that they may have and try get it resolved or make it better. Didn't matter what it was Meds, Doctors and yes sometimes an accordance to a Fishing Hole. He will be greatly missed by all of his friends and family.May God comfort Kathy & Family with many good memories at such a sad time.



May 20 at 7:20 AM



**Ashley Ohman, Katy Terry & Ginny Adolph** sent an Arrive in Style to the Holbert family.



May 20 at 5:21 AM



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**Ashley Ohman, Katy Terry & Ginny Adolph** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.

May 20 at 5:21 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Holbert family.

May 20 at 4:16 AM



**Mahone** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Our sincere thoughts and prayers to all the family. He was truly a blessing to all who had the pleasure to know him. Wesley and Brenda Mahone

May 20 at 4:16 AM



**Jo Ann McCranie** posted:

Billy and Jo Ann McCranie and Sam and Cindy Keasler send ❤️ and prayers to to the family of Mike.

May 20 at 2:36 AM



**Sherry Lawrence** posted:

Mike will be missed. He was always so helpful. Never to busy to speak to you. So kind. Praying for you & family. Sherry Lawrence

May 19 at 6:17 PM



**Katherine Rockwell** posted:

Mike was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed.

May 19 at 6:07 PM



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OF

**Once And John Fessenden** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.



May 19 at 3:10 PM

OF

**Once And John Fessenden** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Holbert family.



May 19 at 3:10 PM

RB

**Russell Buckstaff** posted:

We remember him from years of service. He will be missed.

May 19 at 9:50 AM

MY

**Margaret Younger** posted:

I used Louis Morgan 4 all the years I was employed for Gregg County. Mike was such a kind, caring and friendly pharmacist. He was always willing to help and answer any question you had. My sincere condolences and prayers for his family. Margaret Younger

May 19 at 9:18 AM

KD

**Kellie Defratus** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Holbert family.



May 19 at 4:41 AM

NR

**Natalie Rabicoff** posted:

Dear Kathi, Jennifer and Ellyn: Please accept our heart felt sympathy in the passing of your sweet husband and Dad..... the Patriarch of your family. He will be greatly missed by a multitude of people besides your family. His obid was just beautiful and it surely covered his life completely. A real example for others to follow. God Bless each one of you. With Love, Natalie and Mendy Rabicoff

May 18 at 10:33 PM



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**Anonymous** sent an A Full Life to the Holbert family.

May 18 at 7:51 PM



**The Cahill Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.

May 18 at 7:51 PM



**Mike's Memory Will Live With Us Always.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.

May 18 at 6:01 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Fairest of All to the Holbert family.

May 18 at 6:01 PM



**Vince Williams** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

May 18 at 3:49 PM



**Anne And Jim Gardner** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Holbert family.

May 18 at 12:25 PM





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**Jacqueline D Parr** posted:

Kathi & family: Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of your beloved Mike, a devoted husband, loving father, awesome grandfather and a loyal and trusted friend to many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Jackie Parr Marter

May 18 at 8:09 AM



**Donna Lee Laborde** posted:

I am thankful for every family member & time spent at Louis Morgan # 4 with the entire crew. It was my first real job in high school & I always enjoyed going back as an adult and visiting with everyone, especially Mike. He would always stop what he was doing and visit with me & catch up on current events. He will be deeply missed and I am grateful for many times I would see him & Kathy out at the Cherokee Club. Loved visiting with the entire family recently and the hugs received. Love you all and prayers for strength during this time. Sincerely, Donna Lee LaBorde

May 18 at 6:35 AM



**Jan Robberson Wylie** posted:

Mike was a wonderful man and a friend to everyone. I send my condolences and prayers to his family.

May 18 at 5:35 AM



**Cookie Adams** posted:

Kathi, girls and family, Sending lots of love today to you all. Mike was a good, caring friend always to me and my family. Rest In Peace, Mike!

May 18 at 5:24 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Holbert family.



May 18 at 5:22 AM



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**Wayne & Margaret Musslewhite** posted:

Our parents used Louis Morgan all their lives from the beginning of 1st one here! The best of the best in Drugstores! Friendship kindness to everyone! Amazing family first and a fine man always! Went to all the stores he had! Prayers for your families! Employees! Wayne & Margaret & family Musslewhites

May 18 at 4:25 AM



**Mike And Dori Woods** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.



May 18 at 3:20 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Holbert family.



May 18 at 3:20 AM



**Bill Langston And Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.



May 17 at 6:18 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Holbert family.



May 17 at 6:18 PM



**Cindy, Connor And Collin.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.



May 17 at 4:26 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Holbert family.



May 17 at 4:26 PM



**John Coppedge** posted:

Mike was always congenial, professional and a great help to both the medical community and the patients we all served. He will be missed by all whose path he crossed. Troop 201 loses another great alum. John and Susan Coppedge

May 17 at 1:04 PM



**Sherry Field** May 17 at 5:25 PM

Kathi and Family, I am very sorry to learn of your great loss. Mike clearly made a difference in the lives of so many in Longview. He was a great source of calm and compassion for my mom and dad, Sandra and Rink Field. Please know that my most sincere thoughts are with you and your family. Sincerely, Sherry Field



**Leisa Mitchell** posted:

Such a brilliant, kind man and a friend to so many. My condolences to the Holbert family.

May 17 at 12:46 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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