



### **Beard, Wesley Truman**

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WESTWORTH VILLAGE – Wesley Truman Beard, 82, passed away peacefully on April 28, 2023, at his home.

Wesley was born in 1940 to Truman and Bessie Beard, in Gorman. Wesley had a curious mind that was always thinking. He liked to know how things worked; he fixed broken things, created new ones, and was always there to help someone learn. He received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Arlington State College, and earned his Master's degree from Southern Methodist University. He spent his professional career working on airplane design and project management at General Dynamics/Lockheed Martin. He enjoyed airplanes and always made sure his kids knew which airplane was flying overhead.

Wesley loved Jesus, and was a leader and servant at Southside Church of Christ. He treasured lifelong friendships created there and was always ready to lend a hand by helping with events or driving the church bus on trips.

In retirement, he spent most of the time working on projects at home. He and his wife, Judy loved spending time with their grandchildren. "Cousin Parties" happened frequently, where everyone would enjoy playing catch, flying model airplanes, fishing, feeding ducks at the park, riding in the lawnmower trailer, building towers with homemade blocks, and creating something in the garage, followed by Papa's special pancakes the next morning. He built furniture, dollhouses and whatever anyone could dream up.

Wesley always had a smile and a kind word for everyone, and was a selfless servant who enjoyed helping others. He was preceded in death by his wife, Judy; his parents, sisters, Betty Higginbottom and Lillian Harris; and grandson, Brenner Beard.

Wesley is survived by his daughter, Kelly Eaton and husband, Barry; son, Scott Beard and wife, Tonia; and daughter, Marcy Edwards and husband, Donny; grandchildren, Kory Taylor and husband, David, Joshua Jones and wife, Amanda, Gentry Beard, Jake Beard, Drew Edwards, Benjamin Edwards and wife, Emily, Brett Edwards, and Jay Edwards. Wesley also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service to celebrate Wesley's life will be held 1 p.m. Friday, May 5 at Southside Church of Christ, 2101 Hemphill St, Fort Worth, TX 76110. Memorial tributes can be made to the Wes Beard Memorial Fund at Southside Church of Christ.