



Max Harper III

June 27, 1953 - January 27, 2021

On Wednesday, January 27, 2021, Max Harper, III, adoring husband, father, grandfather, and brother joined his Lord and Savior at the age of 67.

Max Harper, III, was born on June 27, 1953, in Dallas, Texas. Max's loving parents, Lois and Max, Jr, raised him and his sister in Dallas where he attended Highland Park High School. Afterwards, Max graduated from Abilene Christian University. He married his wife, Ellen, and raised their 3 children, Tracey, Kelly and Brady, in Duncanville, Texas. Max worked alongside his dad in the family appliance business, Harper Distributing, for 20+ years. He spent the remainder of his career in real estate investments and was known for his kindness to his tenants. Max was often complimented as "the best landlord." He volunteered 9 years serving on the Duncanville School Board, with 3 of those years as School Board president. Max made Duncanville a better hometown for many. As empty nesters, Max and Ellen fulfilled Max's dream of living on the lake and made their new home out in the country in Kerens, Texas.

Max was all about family. His immediate family, his extended family (even cousins of cousins), and his church family. He would drop everything to support and be with family and was whole-heartedly proud of his role as "Grandad." Max cherished his time spent with family and friends camping at Lake Ouachita and Lake Texoma with Skillman families, camping trips with

Duncanville families, and family vacations to Crested Butte.

Max loved the Church well and had many friends. He faithfully attended and served Jesus in church his entire life at Skillman Church of Christ, Duncanville Church of Christ, and Kerens Church of Christ.

Max was preceded in death by his parents, Max, Jr. and Lois. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Ellen; daughter Tracey Shepherd and son-in-law, Brian, daughter Kelly Sloan and son-in-law, Connor; son Brady Harper and daughter-in-law, Katie; grandchildren, Todd, Natalie and Harper Shepherd, and Lincoln and Beckett Sloan; sister, Brenda Gomez; and nephews, Chase and Sterling Gomez.

A socially-distanced memorial service will held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 3:00 P.M. at Skillman Church of Christ, 3014 Skillman Street, Dallas, TX 75206. Masks required.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kerens Church of Christ (memo: Cherokee Home for Children) PO Box 6, Kerens, TX 75144.

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Harper III*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Max was a great supporter of the Duncanville public schools. He served as the president of the Byrd Middle School PTA and then the Duncanville ISD School Board. Ellen and family will be in our prayers!*

Ron & Linda Golden

Ron & Linda Golden - February 09, 2021 at 01:00 PM



“ *Having been Max's insurance advisor for the last 35ish years, I feel like I've lost a friend.*

Brenda Hornyak - February 03, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear the news of Max's passing. We always appreciated his sharing of his love for Colorado when he ask Todd to tag along on the family trips. Out thoughts and prayers are with your family in this time.*

Terry & Debbie Gearhart

Terry Gearhart - February 02, 2021 at 07:42 PM

JP

“Max was a great neighbor, we would often talk over the picket fence. I would see Max run around keeping up with the kids; jet skis, fishing, those electric cars, swinging from the tree and the beloved golf cart. Max and Ellen would come rolling down the country road packed with kids carrying carrots to feed the horses. You could see Max was glowing with that great smile. I will miss our family updates.

Love coming from Cynthia's Joe to Ellen and the family.

Joe Plasencio - February 02, 2021 at 03:14 PM



“Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Max Harper III.



February 01, 2021 at 04:03 PM

JB

“Ellen and family. Our hearts grew heavy when we learned of Max's passing. Precious memories of the years we shared as neighbors on Green Hills Court filled us with comfort as we grieved. May the good Lord be with you and strengthen you for HE alone can heal our pain.

Our prayers and love are with you always."

Jim and Alice Breedlove

Jim and Alice Breedlove - January 31, 2021 at 11:47 PM

DS

“ We were deeply sadden to hear of Max's passing.....being a neighbor at the lake...we had the pleasure of visiting with him on some of his walks and neighborhood work days...he always had a smile and always talked about his family and Ellen...and we always enjoyed getting a Christmas postcard of the family. Our hearts and prayers are with all of you....may the Lord comfort you today and always.

Steve & Debra Schneider

DEBRA SCHNEIDER - January 31, 2021 at 05:23 PM

PM

“ *Phyllis Mackey lit a candle in memory of Max Harper III*



Phyllis Mackey - January 31, 2021 at 04:53 PM

LM

“ *Love, Phyllis And Mark Mackey purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers® and Brownie Bites Sympathy Basket for the family of Max Harper III.*



Love, Phyllis And Mark Mackey - January 31, 2021 at 04:43 PM

PF

“ *Phyllis and Mark Mackey, Barbara Frantz and family purchased the Heaven's Comfort for the family of Max Harper III.*



Phyllis and Mark Mackey, Barbara Frantz and family -
January 31, 2021 at 04:13 PM

SS

“ *So sorry to hear of Max's passing. We have fond memories of him and his influence in Duncanville ISD and Duncanville Church of Christ. Prayers for the family during this difficult time.*
Vern & Sherri Smith

sherri smith - January 31, 2021 at 10:36 AM

TH

“ *Ellen, we are so saddened to hear of Max's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*
Sincerely,
Kevin and Tammy Harper

Tammy Harper - January 30, 2021 at 07:20 PM

CM

“ *Max always had an entertaining anecdote to share "across the fence" at the lake. I got a big kick out of seeing him immersed in the grandkids as they had the time of their lives riding golf carts or jet skis and feeding the horses. He will be sorely missed.*
Will be thinking of you and your family Ellen.

Cynthia McClure - January 30, 2021 at 05:28 PM

KS

“ We so loved being around you and Ellen in Kerens. Prayer for your family.

Kay and Ennis Sullivan

Kay Sullivan - January 30, 2021 at 04:26 PM

LN

“ Ellen, Our deepest condolences. Keeping you and yours close in prayer.

Lynn and Bill Noles

Lynn G Noles - January 30, 2021 at 02:03 PM

KW

“ Always enjoyed talking with Max during the Band Booster Events. Always friendly and fun conversations.

R.I.P. Max and blessings to the Harper Family.

Keith

Keith Wolf - January 29, 2021 at 11:43 AM