



James T. (Tom) Dixon

August 16, 1941 - August 16, 2014

Dixon, James T. (Tom)

James T. (Tom) Dixon, 73 of Jupiter, passed peacefully into the presence of his Heavenly Father on Saturday, August 16, 2014, surrounded by his loving family. A native of north Louisiana, Tom graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1963 and began his 35 year career at Pratt Whitney Florida. He initially worked in mechanical design on the J58 engine for the SR71 Blackbird; then as structural design chief for the fan and compressor of the F100 engine for the F15 and F16 military aircraft. Subsequently, he became chief of design for advanced technology military engines which led to the F119 engine for the Air Force F22 and the F135 engine for the Air Force, Navy, and Marines newest fighter, the F35. Sandwiched in Tom's career was assisting in the design of the Supersonic Transport (SST) compressor and design of a pulse detonation engine. Throughout his career, Tom was respected both within Pratt and by outside customers for his engineering excellence. A man of many interests and talents, he enjoyed growing orchids, woodworking, making stained glass, traveling and boating with his grandchildren. He liked nothing better than planning and taking trips with both family and friends. He was a long time member and deacon at the Lighthouse Baptist Church, North Palm Beach and was currently attending First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach. Tom was much loved and will be greatly missed by his loving wife, devoted family and cherished friends. He is survived by his wife of 52 years

and love of his life, Linda; his son Jim and wife Susan of Ft. Worth, Texas; his daughter Jill Gentry and husband and husband James of Royal Palm Beach; his six grandchildren, Ryan, Sara and Hannah Dixon and Justin, Jennifer and Jonathan Gentry; sisters Claire Salter and husband Thelton of Natchitoches, Louisiana; Connie Rogers and husband Tommy of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; brothers Bob Dixon and wife Lynn of Heber Springs, Arkansas; Jim Dixon and wife Karen of Park City, Utah. He was the son of the late Jared Sanders Dixon and Mai Connell Dixon. Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 21 at 5:30 – 7:00 PM at Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center Street, Jupiter, Florida. A celebration of life will be held at First Baptist Church, 1101 South Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach , on Friday, August 22, 2014 at 2:00 PM with reception following in the Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida 33407, Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, North Carolina 28607-3000 or to a charity of your choice. To share memories or express your condolences you may visit www.taylorandmodeen.com.

Tribute Wall



“ James T. (Tom) Dixon

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ Your family continues to be remembered in prayer during this time of loss. But keep in mind he is having a wonderful time and is healthy!

Ruth, Randy and Matthew Tucker - WPB, FL - Friend - October 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Linda,

I was deeply saddened to learn of Tommy's passing. I have so many fond memories from our days growing up in Natchitoches. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire Dixon family during this sad time. God Bless you all.

Mike

Mike Hyams - Dawsonville, GA - Friend - August 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Griffin joins me in sending our sympathy and love to you, your children and grandchildren. What a legacy Tommy has left and wonderful memories for all of you. We think of y'all often and always enjoyed seeing you when you'd visit your Mother. Susan Thompson Taylor

A friend - August 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy in your loss of dear Tommy. We have such fond memories of the years we spent together at NHS with a Dixon in almost every class, all a credit to their loving parents. Know we will be keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Ryan and Ginger Horton - Tomball, TX - Friends - August 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ LINDA, I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR THIS NEWS.....MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY...HE WILL BE MISSED! LOVE YOU, CAROLYN

CAROLYN MASSON - CLOUTIERVILLE, LA - August 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to family and friends. Draw strength and comfort from Jesus promise. "The one that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." John 11: 25 & 26

- FL - August 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Linda, we were so very sorry to hear, from Peggy, of your loss. We know that no words can comfort the heartache you and your family feel. Only time and our God can do that. However, in the meantime, know that all your family and friends are holding you in our hearts and in our prayers. God Bless and Keep you.....Kearney & Linda Cole

Kearney & Linda Cole - Amarillo, TX - Cousin - August 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Linda,
I am so sorry for your loss. I have wonderful memories of many years working on challenging projects with Tom. And many fun trips to see special customers.

Marvin Glickstein

Marvin Glickstein - North Palm Beach, FL - Friend - August 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Linda: I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. - Michelle Sabin

Michelle Sabin - Tampa, FL - former student at Jerry Thomas - August 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Linda, I am so sorry to hear about your husband. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Gail

Gail Wekenmann - Jupiter, FL - worked with Linda at JerryThomas - August 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM