



Thomas "Tom" Hanna
September 25, 1938 - February 6, 2022

Celebrating the Life of
Thomas “Tom” Hanna

Saturday, February 12, 2022 3:00 p.m.
Calder Baptist Church
Beaumont, Texas
Dr. Jim Fuller
Sharon Montgomery, Soloist
Betty Duncan, Pianist
Chris Richter, Organist

Hymn 338: “*How Firm a Foundation*”
All who are able, please stand and sing

Medley of Tom’s Favorite Hymns
Betty Duncan

Opening Sentences

A Life Remembered
Reading of the Obituary
Julie and Tommy Hanna, Jr.

Prayer

Special Music
Sharon Montgomery

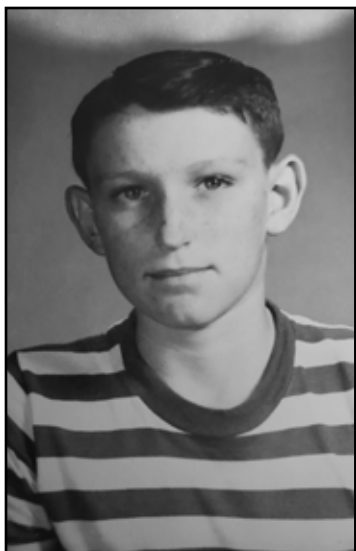
Eulogy
A Man for All Seasons

Message
The Faith Behind the Man

Prayer

Hymn 330: “*Amazing Grace*”
Verses 1 and 5

Postlude



Thomas Lee Hanna was called to his heavenly home on Sunday, February 6, 2022. He was surrounded by family at the time of his passing.

Tom was born in Hall Summit, Louisiana in 1938. He and his parents, Claiborne and Ruth Hanna, moved to Nederland, Texas when Tom was five years old. He graduated from Nederland High School in 1957.

Tom attended Baylor University and graduated in 1961. He attended the University of Texas School of Law and graduated in 1964. Tom enrolled in the USMC Officer's program but was unable to serve due to a previous injury. He returned to Southeast Texas and joined the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office in 1964, as an Assistant D.A. He left the D.A.'s office in 1967 for private practice in Port Arthur.

In 1970, Tom married the love of his life, Elizabeth Shifflette. After a few years in private practice, Tom was encouraged to run for Jefferson County District Attorney. He was elected twice and served from 1971 to 1978. From 1973 to 1978, Tom was the Chairman of the Legislative Committee, Texas District and County Attorneys Association. This committee had the responsibility for drafting Texas' Penal Codes and coordinating the Associations' law enforcement legislative effort. Tom then became the Executive Director of the State Bar of Texas in Austin and served in that role until 1981.

In 1985, Tom began serving on the Board of Texas Lawyers Insurance Exchange where he served until the time of his death. He joined the law firm of Mehaffy, Weber, Keith, & Gonsoulin and remained there until 1996. In October of 1996, Tom went back into private practice. Tom was recognized by the State Bar of Texas in 2016 for 50 years of outstanding service with the State Bar of Texas. He was also the proud recipient of the Blackstone Award In 2018, a lifetime achievement honor bestowed upon him from the Jefferson County Bar Association.

Tom taught Sunday School for over 50 years and at the time of his death he and Elizabeth were members of Calder Baptist Church where Tom proudly served as Deacon for many years.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, Claiborne Hanna; mother, Ruth Hanna; and granddaughter, Kara Whitaker Hudson.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Shifflette Hanna; daughter, Rebecca Authement; son, Thomas Lee Hanna, Jr. and wife, Julie; grandchildren, Devin Morgan; JoLinn Russell and husband, Wesley; James Hanna; KayLeigh Threlkeld; and Peyton Hanna; and great-grandchildren, Gracyan Hudson, Riley Hudson, Addyson Hudson, Emma Morgan, Devin Morgan, Jr., and Daxton Morgan.



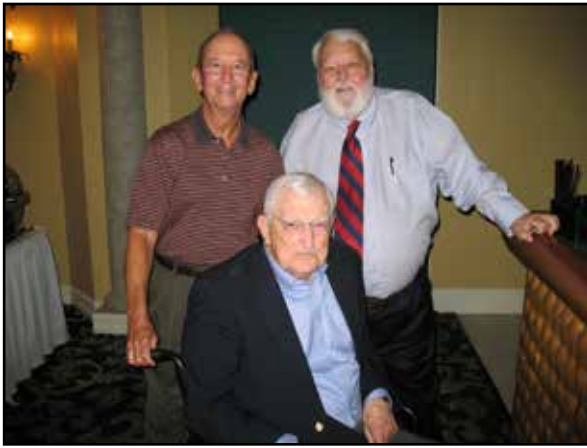














Honorary Pallbearers

Hon. Larry Thorne	Chris Shifflette
Hon. Gary Sanderson	Paul Shifflette
Hon. Bob Wortham	Tim Sheffield
Tom Maness	Devin Morgan
David Bonham	Riley Hudson
Richard Hughes	Hon. Larry Gist (deceased)
Jack Smith	Hon. Leonard Giblin (deceased)
Lynn Hawkins	Danny Doyle (deceased)
Brack Jones	John Paul Davis (deceased)
Patricia Chamblin	Steve Reinstra (deceased)
Sandra Clark	Dexter Patterson (deceased)
Roland Bieber	Bo Horka (deceased)
John Randolph	

Family Committal

Broussard's Crematorium
Beaumont, Texas

Memorial Contributions

Calder Baptist Church
1005 North 11th Street
Beaumont, Texas 77702



Please sign Mr. Hanna's guest book and share your memories at
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