



Gene Thomas "Tommy" Dorsey

August 17, 1928 - February 16, 2019

Tommy Dorsey, born on August 17, 1928 in St. Joseph's Hospital in downtown Houston to N.W. and Edna Long Dorsey, passed away peacefully on February 16, 2019 with family by his side. He was welcomed into heaven by his loving wife, Pookie and their two sons, Tommy and Larry.

He is survived by his devoted daughter, Diane Dunbar and husband Jim; daughter-in-law Becky Dorsey; grandson Duane Dorsey and wife Misha; granddaughter D'Lana Gonnell and husband Anthony; granddaughter Alyssa Dunbar; grandson Tyler Dunbar and fiancé Jade Vest; and the joys of his life great grandsons Brock and Bryce Dorsey, A.J. Gonnell, and Pierce Dunbar. He is also survived by sister-in-law Maxine Dorsey, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 66 years Bernice "Pookie" Dorsey; their sons Tommy Dorsey Jr. and Larry Dorsey; parents N.W. Dorsey Sr. and Edna Long Dorsey; and brother Norman Dorsey.

If God made a model for a father, it was Tommy. His goal in life was to be a great parent and role model to his children and grandchildren. Tommy also lived for football and spent 35 years refereeing high school football. He loved every Sunday he spent teaching the 2-year-old Sunday school class at Tallowood Baptist church for 33 years.

His family wishes to extend deep appreciation to Houston Hospice, their wonderful staff, and Dr. Ariel Velasco.

The Dorsey family will be present to receive friends Tuesday, February 19, 2019 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. A Memorial Service celebrating Tommy's life will be held Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 11:00am at Tallowood Baptist Church, 555 Tallowood Rd., Houston, TX 77024. A reception will follow the service on the church grounds.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Memorial Service

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Tallowood Baptist Church
555 Tallowood Road
Houston, TX 77024

Tribute Wall



“ *Gene Thomas "Tommy" Dorsey*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Gene Thomas "Tommy" Dorsey*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Gene Thomas "Tommy" Dorsey*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Gene Thomas "Tommy" Dorsey*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gene Thomas "Tommy" Dorsey.*



February 19, 2019 at 06:55 PM

MF

“ *Maureen Fenton's work family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Gene Thomas "Tommy" Dorsey.*



Maureen Fenton's work family - February 19, 2019 at 02:46 PM

RZ

“ *Rick Rikhoff, Zaner-Bloser purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Gene Thomas "Tommy" Dorsey.*



Rick Rikhoff, Zaner-Bloser - February 19, 2019 at 10:28 AM

KC

“ *We met PawPaw Dorsey two years ago when his grandson coached our son in flag football. I absolutely admired how he would come to the games no matter how early, cold, or hot it was to support his grandson and great grandson. He was super friendly and remembered by son. You will be missed PawPaw Dorsey.*



Kristy Chavis - February 18, 2019 at 10:59 PM

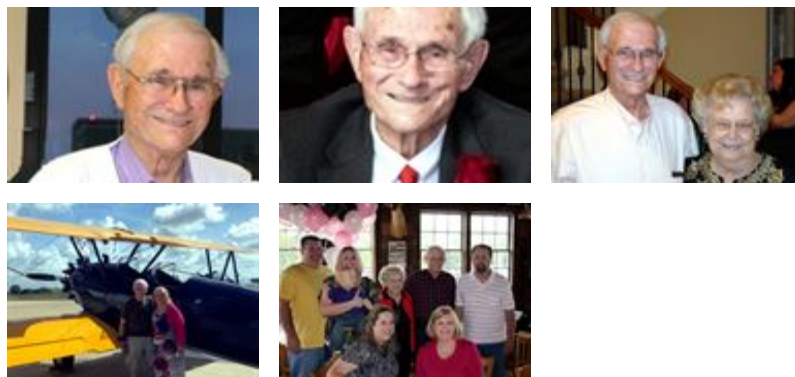
PK

“ Dear Diane & Family, sorry for your loss. I know your Dad is at Peace with your Mother & Liittle Tommy & Larry. Looking at the pictures posted what a beautiful family. So many wonderful memories of growing up with you all on Pershing Street. The years have gone by but not forgotten. Big Tommy was a gentle man who was at times bigger than life, especially to me as a little girl. Those were the best of times. All the football games & just running around the neighborhood. You were younger, but we all looked after you. God Bless you all. Much love. Pat (Means) Knight.

Pat Knight - February 18, 2019 at 08:50 PM



“ 151 files added to the album LifeTributes



Dettling Funeral Home - February 18, 2019 at 02:00 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Gene Thomas "Tommy" Dorsey.



February 18, 2019 at 10:45 AM

MM

“ *Melissa, Tori and Max purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gene Thomas "Tommy" Dorsey.*



Melissa, Tori and Max - February 17, 2019 at 07:33 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Gene Thomas "Tommy" Dorsey.*



February 17, 2019 at 11:26 AM

PK

“ *Pat "Means" Knight lit a candle in memory of Gene Thomas "Tommy" Dorsey*



Pat "Means" Knight - February 17, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Gene Thomas "Tommy" Dorsey.*



February 16, 2019 at 10:24 PM

SD

“ *Mr.Dorsey was such a warm and welcoming gentleman. He loved his FAMILY with all his heart. I have been Blessed to have known him.*

Sandy Durden - February 16, 2019 at 09:51 PM