



## Dr. Hubert Carl Askew Jr.

September 30, 1939 - August 12, 2023

DR. HUBERT CARL ASKEW, JR., 83, passed away peacefully in Houston on August 12, 2023, surrounded by family. A fourth-generation Texan, Hubert was born September 30, 1939, in Houston, Texas.

Hubert grew up working at the Askew Pharmacy chain, started by his father, and graduated from Lamar High School in 1957. After graduation, he enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin, becoming a lifelong Longhorn fan and a proud brother of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, serving as president in 1961. After obtaining his Pharmacy degree, Hubert enrolled in the University of Texas Dental Branch. Hubert met his lifelong soulmate Becky (Rebecca) Askew, in September 1961. The two quickly fell in love and were married on June 15, 1963, in Highland Park, Texas. Hubert graduated from dental school in 1966 and joined the United States Army as a Captain. Stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, during the Vietnam War, he proudly served in the 48th Medical Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, and was honorably discharged as a Major in 1975. Hubert and Becky moved back to Houston, where he opened his dental practice in Spring Branch as part of the new Memorial City Hospital. Beloved by his patients and passionate about his work, Hubert enjoyed a successful career for more than 40 years.

A proud member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, he was a rancher in Fayette County who enjoyed tending to his cattle and chatting with friends at the local feed stores on his weekly trips to the ranch. As a lifelong outdoorsman, Hubert often fished Galveston Bay and hunted in

South Texas, Mexico, and Argentina, where he collected numerous stories and memories with friends. He enjoyed gardening and was always proud to share the best tomatoes and vegetables with the family. If he wasn't ranching, hunting, fishing, or gardening, you could find Hubert at his pool, sitting on the patio with a Cuba Libre, or enjoying Galveston Island with his family each summer.

And each fall when football rolled around, Hubert would always make time to watch his 'Horns play. He was also an avid cheerleader, along with Becky, for his grandchildren's sports games and extracurricular activities. It was rare for Papa and Nana, as their grandchildren refer to them, to miss a game, performance, or event in which the grandkids participated.

Hubert loved to meet people and could strike up a conversation with a total stranger with an easy-going "How y'all doin'?" in his signature Texas drawl, accompanied by a friendly smile and stout handshake. He showed genuine interest in everyone who crossed his path, whether they had just met or he had known them for years. Hubert lit up any room with entertaining stories, cheerful laughs, and his Texas-sized heart. Hubert, also known as Dad, Papa, or Doc, is well-loved and will be missed by many.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hubert C. Askew, Sr. and Mary (Philp) Askew, and his sister Mary Eugenia Askew. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Ann (Beckering) Askew, who celebrated 60 years of marriage this past June. Other survivors include his daughter Nancy Ann Witmer, and husband Rich J. Witmer; daughter Susan Elizabeth Sanders, and husband Mark A. Sanders; grandchildren Meghan E. Witmer, Rachel A. Witmer, Jack M. Witmer, Taylor E. Sanders, Marshall A. Sanders; and sister-in-law, Sarah J. Beckering, all of Houston.

On Friday, August 25, 2023, Hubert Carl Askew, Jr. will be laid to rest in a private family service at Houston National Cemetery. Hubert's family cordially invites his friends to join them, celebrate his life, and share fond memories with a visitation held from 3:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive in Houston. Honorary pallbearers will be: Austin Davis,

James Mares, Brian Sanders, Mark A. Sanders, Marshall A. Sanders, Ron Van Gilder, Jack M. Witmer, and Rich J. Witmer.

On Saturday, August 26, 2023, a memorial service will be held at the Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive, at 2:00 P.M.

The family would like to thank the devoted doctors, nurses, and caregivers along this journey. In lieu of customary remembrances, please consider a donation to the Spring Branch Education Foundation for the Westside Support Center AABLE Program, 955 Campbell Rd., Suite 206, Houston, TX 77024.

You can also donate online at <https://sbef.springbranchisd.com> by clicking "Ways to Donate" and proceed to the "SBISD Programs" tab, then scroll down the page, and click the donate button for Westside Support Center AABLE Program in Memory of Dr. Hubert C. Askew, Jr.

# Cemetery Details

## VA Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77038-1502  
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.as  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 25.** 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

**AUG 26.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church  
12955 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX  
<http://www.mdumc.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Hubert Carl Askew Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Dr. Hubert Carl Askew Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Dr. Hubert Carl Askew Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Dr. Hubert Carl Askew Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM

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“What sad news. Such a surprise. We called him Doc here in Cistern. One of my favorite customers (along with his family). I knew of him from the cowboys here long before I actually met him. He was very admired by all. He always had a sparkle in his eye, a smile on his face and genuine greeting with interest of “How’s everyone doing”. Followed by “What’s new in Cistern”? He kept up with the latest developments with great interest and always had his wisdom to share. He loved talking about his grandchildren and thoroughly enjoyed bringing them in for a meal. All those who live here and frequent our “living room” here at the store are like family. Doc will really be missed. I am grateful to have know him and so glad he was a part of our lives. He will always be remembered. Our deepest condolences to the family. Many prayers for comfort and peace at this sad time. Love, Taffy and Betty. Mizpah

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**Taffy Danner** - September 01, 2023 at 03:05 PM

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“My first job right out of dental assisting school was with Dr Askew. I was honored to work for him from 1975 -1982. He was a kind and benevolent human being. He would let my husband,Billy and I spend some time at his ranch during deer season in Fayetteville Texas. We used to always gift him with a gallon of raw oysters from Matagorda each year. Every Friday, I would accompany to Memorial City Hospital to assist in an oral surgery. I have fond memories of those years. He and Becky attended our wedding in August of 1980. They both showered me my crystal glassware and stainless steel cookware as a wedding present that I still use. My deepest sympathies to Becky, Nancy, & Susan.

*Maggie Sopchak Mosley*

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**Maggie Sopchak Mosley** - August 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Hubert Carl Askew Jr..*



August 25, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dr. Hubert Carl Askew Jr..*



August 24, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ *Schiams, Mounces, Carlyles, Miltons, Delaune purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Dr. Hubert Carl Askew Jr..*



**Schiams, Mounces, Carlyles, Miltons, Delaune** - August 24, 2023 at 03:48 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Hubert Carl Askew Jr..*



August 24, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Hubert Carl Askew Jr..*



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August 24, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Dr. Askew's passing. I worked with him, Dr. Neu and Dr. Waldrop after I graduated from Baylor College of Dentistry in the late '70's. He was the epitome of a fine family dentist - excellent dental skills, friendly, kind, caring and treated all of us with respect and appreciation. He loved his family and talked about you all alot. I enjoyed working with him and would occassionally see him afterwards. He was happy to see you and catch up! I remember him with fondness- A Good Man! Blessings to his family.- Sandy Squires*

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**Sandy Squires** - August 24, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Hubert Carl Askew Jr..*



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August 23, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Hubert Carl Askew Jr..*



August 23, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Hubert Carl Askew Jr..*



August 23, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ *Hubert was one of those people that we had the privilege to know. We first knew him as our dentist. We became friends when our girls were in school. We chaperoned many Spartanaire games, dances, trips and activities with Becky and Hubert. My thoughts and love are with the family. Hubert will be missed by all who knew him.*

**BARBARA MOONEY** - August 22, 2023 at 10:24 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Hubert Carl Askew Jr..*



August 22, 2023 at 02:53 PM

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“ *Becky, “My” Becky & I send our concern to you in Hubert’s passing. Hubert’s and my professional (Pharmacy & Dental) paralleled each other. We resettled in Kingwood (2007) upon retirement. Dr. James (Jim) Jinnette*

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**Dr. Jim Jinnette** - August 22, 2023 at 10:23 AM