



Hugh Marvin McCastlain

HUGH MARVIN MCCAHLAIN, 73, who was affectionately known to family and friends as "Tuffy", passed away on Thursday, October 12, 2017 in Houston, TX. He was the son of the late Hugh M. "Ted" McCastlain of Brinkley, AR and the late Doris McCastlain Hinkle of Little Rock, AR. He is survived by his children, Kelly Ann McCastlain of Memphis, TN; Joseph Edward "Ted" McCastlain, of Tampa, FL (Debbie); Holly Louise McCastlain of Arlington, VA and his 10-year-old granddaughter, Abigail "Abi" Sierra McCastlain of Memphis, TN, who lovingly called her granddad, "Gruffy." He is also survived by his adoring sisters, Mary Lynn Nelson of Little Rock, AR (Sheffield), Julia Ann Stoner of Sugar Land, TX (Terry), and Laura McCastlain Sholes of Little Rock, AR (Keith), a step-brother, two step-sisters, as well as many loving nieces, nephews, and their spouses

A graduate of Brinkley High School, where he played in the high school band, Hugh later graduated from Hendrix College, Conway AR in 1965 with a BA in Physics. At Hendrix, Hugh participated in intramural sports, but excelled at swimming. Following graduation, Hugh attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he obtained a BS degree in Chemical Engineering in 1968. After post-graduate work in finance and management, Hugh joined ARKLA Gas Company in 1973. While there, he held managerial positions in several departments before he was appointed to be executive vice president and chief administrative officer for ARKLA. Hugh was also a former president of Downtown Shreveport Unlimited and was a member of the Shreveport

Economic Development Foundation, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the American Institute for Industrial Engineers, and the Southern Gas Association. After retirement, Hugh moved to Texas, where he was an instructor at the Institute of Robotics.

"Tuffy" was passionate for life and learning, an unforgettable character with a sense of humor and brilliance that cannot be eclipsed. In brief, he loved sailing and competed in various triathlons, played the bass guitar in a bands such as The Rebels and The Morticians, built computers, and was a fabulous dancer and artist. He was a wonderful father to his children, very proud of their careers, and dearly loved his granddaughter, Abi. As an avid firearm collector, he thoroughly enjoyed hunting and fishing with his friends Gene Smith and Cliff Lawley in Texas. In particular, his children and sisters will forever be grateful to Gene for the care and compassion he gave to Hugh. There will be a celebration honoring Hugh's life in Florida in February at Key Biscayne Bay, which was his favorite sailing spot. Memorial donations may be sent to either the Little Rock Humane Society, 14600 Colonel Glenn Rd., Little Rock, AR 72210, or the Houston Humane Society, 14700 Almeda Rd. Houston, TX 77053, or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl., Memphis, TN 38105. Family and friends please feel free to send condolences to: <https://distinctivelife.com/obituaries/hugh-marvin-mccastlain/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Hugh Marvin McCastlain*

Hrerb Rowland - May 02, 2019 at 06:51 PM

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“ *This comes very late, but I only learned of Tuffy's death recently. I played with him in a band called The Counts in Little Rock for some time in the early sixties. Il only saw him a couple of times after that, once in Little Rock and, maybe, in Fayetteville--I know we were there at the same time. In any case, he was one of the nicest people I've ever known. He passed away too soon, but it looks like he lived a very good life.*

Hrerb Rowland - May 02, 2019 at 06:51 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear about Hugh. He was a good brother-in-law and was instrumental in encouraging me to get ASA certified in sailing. Sympathy to the family and especially to my sister Terri who was still very fond of him.*

Sharon Harmon - October 22, 2017 at 01:45 PM

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“ *We remember Tuffy. RIP. God bless your family.*

Rich Carvell - October 22, 2017 at 10:15 AM

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“*Hugh was a truly special and unique individual as covered beautifully in the obituary, This is what endeared him to all who love him and I am one of those. He has one of the best and generous families I had the honor to know. As for his love for cats I remember a vet saying \“When I die I want to come back as one of Hugh's cats\”. All of the girls in the family wanted to dance with Hugh whenever possible. He was fun, kind and a spiritual person I trusted when prayers were needed. I will miss you truly. Love you Hugh,\nTerri*

Terri McCastlain - October 22, 2017 at 10:11 AM