

To the Glory of God and in Memory of Will Clayton Hendrix, Jr.

July 26, 1935 - January 17, 2022

WILL CLAYTON HENDRIX, JR. AGE 86, OF AUSTIN, TX PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY SURROUNDED BY FAMILY ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022.

Will was born July 26, 1935, in San Antonio, TX to the late Will C. Hendrix Sr. and Dorothy McCray Hendrix. He graduated from Alamo Heights High School in 1953. Will earned a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from Texas A&M University class of '57.

Will joined the United States Air Force and began his pilot training as a Second Lieutenant in Bainbridge, GA in early 1960 where he met his future wife Jo Anne Estes. After various training assignments, he graduated top of his class and received the Orville Wright Achievement Award. Will and Jo Anne were married November 19, 1961. Will's first active duty assignment was at RAF Woodbridge England where he served in the 79th Tactical Squadron and flew the F-100 Super Sabre. Daughter Julie was born in 1962. After three years, they were assigned to England Air Force Base in Alexandria, LA. Almost immediately, Will left to serve in Vietnam as a fighter pilot (March 1965) where he flew 100 combat missions.

Son Jay was born soon after Will's return from Vietnam. Shortly thereafter, Will resigned from the USAF and started a new career with Cummins Engine Company in Columbus, IN. While in Indiana, Will joined the Air National Guard flying F-84's out of Terre Haute. In 1968 Cummins transferred Will and his family to Denver, CO where daughter Lisa was born. After five years they moved back to Indiana. He rejoined the National Guard flying the F-100 and was later forced to eject after engine failure in 1974. He earned the Combat Readiness Medal and concluded his military service in 1976 attaining the rank of Major.

The Hendrix family then moved to Dallas, TX with Cummins. Will always had the "need for speed," so after a short career riding Motocross in Colorado, Will found Enduro riding. He joined the Texas State Championship Enduro Circuit (TSCEC). He had a 27-year run with TSCEC and was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Will produced the Rockne and Sidewinders Enduros. He served various TSCEC offices including Executive Vice President. Will was also the founder of Austin Moto Sports Association.

In late 1979 the Hendrix family moved to Austin. Will fulfilled his lifelong dream of "soloing" as business owner. He formed Hendrix GMC, which he operated until its sale in 1993. In 1990, Will purchased a second dealership, Freightliner of Austin, which he owned and managed until 2008.

After retiring in 2008 he rode more frequently in Colorado with his Sidewinder friends. In 2010 the Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) and Texas Sidewinders Motorcycle Club established the first annual Colorado 600. The 600 is a five day ride and fundraiser for the TPA, helping to preserve and maintain the off road trails throughout Colorado. Will enjoyed the camaraderie of the Colorado 600 as an original rider and producer.

Will was involved in various organizations including The Super Sabre Society, Austin Automobile Dealers Association, Texas Automobile Dealers Association, South Austin Rotary, Rodeo Austin and the neighborhood MUD board. He was most active with the Order of Daedalians (a fraternal and professional order of American military pilots). Will served the local chapter as the Flight Captain as well as Treasurer. He was a national Foundation Trustee from 2011 and served as the Scholarship Chairman 2014 to present.

Most meaningful was Will's relationship with Jesus Christ. His time at All Saints Presbyterian Church was transformational. The church was the cornerstone of his life, as well as for Jo Anne, his loving wife of 60 years. All had the privilege of watching Will grow in his faith and serve the body of Christ. He served the church in various ways including communion preparation, the capital campaign committee, and graciously hosting multiple gatherings in their home.

Will was a loving, charismatic, intelligent, hard-working, Christian man with a contagious joy for life. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, friend and mentor who inspired us all. He loved flying jets, riding motorcycles, Harley trips with Jo Anne and friends, spending time in nature, riding his dual sport through the Texas Hill Country with buddies and his Panera coffee klatch friends. He loved to fix everything himself, including cars, motorcycles and his house. He was an engineer and mechanic at heart with a true love for cars. He enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family – especially his grandchildren and granddogs. We will all miss easily spotting him around town in that station wagon.

He is survived by his wife, Jo Anne, children Julie Chapman (Larry,) Jay Hendrix and Lisa Hand (John,) as well as grandchildren Elizabeth, Katie and Ryan Hand, Olivia, Meghan and Maddie Hendrix, all of Austin. He is also survived by step grandchildren Keith and Matthew Chapman and Katie Bouzek (Brian) and three step great grandchildren. Sister-in-law and brother-in-law Betty and Lowell Fambrough and special Cousin Frances McCray Edwards. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME & PREPARATION

HIGH FLIGHT
BY JOHN GILLESPIE MCGEE, JR.

"Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth of sun-split clouds and done a hundred things You have not dreamed of wheeled and soared and swung high in the sunlit silence.
Hovering there I've chased the shouting wind along
and flung my eager craft through footless halls of air.

"Up, up the long delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,
where never lark, or even eagle, flew;
and, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
the high untrespassed sanctity of space,
put out my hand and touched the face of God."

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14

"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect,
but I press on to make it my own,
because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own.
But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind
and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize
of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord.

Whoever has faith in me shall have life,

even though he die.

And everyone who has life,

and has committed himself to me in faith,

shall not die for ever.

People: I know that my Redeemer lives

and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.

Minister After my awaking, he will raise me up;

and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

People: For none of us lives to himself, and no man dies to himself.

Minister: For if we live, we live unto the Lord;

and if we die, we die unto the Lord.

Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;

People: Even so says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Let us pray. O God, whose mercies cannot be

numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Will Clayton Hendrix; we thank you for granting him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of all your saints;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN

BE THOU MY VISION



(Words: ancient Irish hymn, Music: traditional Irish melody, CCLI license #2476739)

HONORING WILL

PSALM READING

Lisa Hand - Daughter

PSALM 62:5-8

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

- 6 He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
- 7 On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
- 8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

Julie Chapman - Daughter

GERD NOEBEL - HIGH SCHOOL FRIEND

JACK HENRY - MOTORCYCLE BUDDY

NORVELL NORTHCUTT - COFFEE KLATCH FRIEND

RYAN HAND - GRANDSON

HYMN

ISAIAH 43





(Words: Biblical text, Music: unknown, CCLI license #2476739)

READINGS

REV. CRAIG CHAPMAN

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JEREMIAH 29:11-14

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. 13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Reader: The Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

Rev. Tim Frickenschmidt

PROCLAMATION OF FAITH AND PRAYER

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;

The third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic Church; The communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

(The Apostles Creed)

Minister: Let us pray.

People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Minister: For our brother, Will, and ourselves, let us pray to

our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the

Resurrection and the Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress;

draw near to us who mourn for Will and dry the

tears of those who weep.

People: Hear us, good Lord.

Minister: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend;

comfort us in our sorrow.

People: Hear us, good Lord.

Minister: You raised the dead to life; give us, with Will,

eternal life.

People: Hear us, good Lord.

Minister: You promised paradise to the thief who repented;

bring us, with Will, to the joys of heaven.

People: Hear us, good Lord.

Minister: Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed

with the Holy Spirit; thank you for giving him

fellowship with all your saints.

People: Thank you, good Lord.

Minister: He was nourished with your Body and Blood;

thank you for granting him a place at the table in

your heavenly kingdom.

People: Thank you, good Lord.

Minister: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our

brother, Will; let our faith be our consolation,

and eternal life our hope.

People: Amen.

HYMN

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL



(Words: Horatio Spafford, Music: Philip Bliss, CCLI license #2476739)

Minister: Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

who is the Resurrection and the Life:

Raise us, we humbly pray, from the death of sin

to the life of righteousness;

that when we depart this life we may rest in him, and at the resurrection receive that blessing

which your well-beloved Son shall then pronounce:

"Come, you blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you

from the beginning of the world." Grant this, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ,

our Mediator and Redeemer.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(FAMILY PROCESSIONAL)

Eternal are Your mercies, Lord. Eternal truth attends Your word. Your praise will sound from shore to shore, 'Til suns shall rise and set no more.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(Words: v.1 &3 Thomas Ken, v.2 Isaac Watts; Music: Louis Bourgeois; Arr. B. Kauflin; CCLI license #2476739)

Please join us in the courtyard immediately following the service for military honors $\mbox{followed by a reception in celebration} \mbox{ of Will's Life}.$

MUSICIANS

David Lutes, Music Lead
Becky Carter, Vocals
Aricka Preston, Vocals
David Breeding, French Horn, Accordion, Bagpipes, Bugle
Leslie Chiang, Piano
Phil Davidson, Violin
Andrew Gonzalez, Drums
Chris Rodriguez, Bass

Officiating

Rev. Tim Frickenschmidt