



Harlan West Reddell

November 19, 1935 - May 19, 2023

Harlan W. Reddell 87, of Lindale, passed away gently Friday morning, May 19, 2023. He was born in Bridgeport, Tx to Frank and Tina West Reddell. He was reared in the small farming community of Idalou, Tx where his mother took in ironing to pay for piano lessons. He would later achieve a Master's degree in music from Texas Tech University after spending his teenage years as the church pianist at First Baptist Church of Idalou. His career as a public-school teacher began at Lorenzo High School, teaching Jr. high and high school choir; and would end when he retired over thirty years later from Monterey High School as an award-winning drama director. Many of his students would go on to professional careers in music and theater related professions. His impact on lives as a brilliant yet gentle teacher was immeasurable. Harlan also enjoyed performing in community theater and received numerous awards for his outstanding performances in roles such as Fagan in Oliver, Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof, Don Quixote in Man of La Mancha, Petruchio in Kiss Me Kate, the Stage Manager in Our Town, Otto Frank in The Diary of Anne Frank, and Claudius in Shakespear's Hamlet. His most excellent role, however, was as husband of 55 years to his beloved wife Jane and father to their three children. A true leading man, he led his family by example in his humble commitment to Jesus Christ. He had a profound impact on his family, students, and community with his authoritative yet gentle manner. He was a generous giver, a man of immense integrity, slow to anger and oh so quick to forgive. Through his lengthy and painful illness,

his body grew weaker, but his mind and soul remained strong, steadfast and courageous. He embodied perseverance and his absence will be felt for many years to come by all who were blessed to know him. He was preceded in death by his parents, eight siblings, and wife Willa Jane. He leaves behind his children Elizabeth and Doug Stricklin of Lindale, Mike and Donna Reddell of Lubbock, and Robin and John Lage of Cedar Hill. He was affectionately known as "H.R. and Dad" to eight grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. A private memorial will be held in Lubbock at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Harlan West Reddell*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Harlan West Reddell*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *Dear Robin and Families. I was so saddened to hear of the loss of your Dad. Always "Mr. Reddell" to me. He always had a big smile on his face and was so gentle and kind. I really only got to know him better my senior yr. when you and I were in Grease together - a memory I will cherish always. He was a real Class Act! I know he will missed deeply by his family and grandchildren... I know he and your mom are dancing away together in Heaven . My Parents also recently passed away... there is comfort in knowing they are together. Prayers to your family ! my best, Amy Thormahlen Crofut*

Amy Crofut - July 06, 2023 at 11:53 PM



“ *Christi George sent a virtual gift in memory of Harlan Reddell*



Christi T George - May 29, 2023 at 07:58 PM

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“ *Christi George lit a candle in memory of Harlan Reddell*



Christi T George - May 29, 2023 at 07:57 PM

CG

“ *I love Mr. Harlan so gentle, sweet and always smiling. I remember one Sunday I had a praise. I explained what had happened Saturday morning. Mr. Harlan and I were having a conversation about it after our worship hour. He said, "That's what we call a Mountain Top Experience. I will always remember him and what an opportunity it was to have known him.*

Christi T George - May 29, 2023 at 07:56 PM

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“ *Dear Elizabeth, Mike, and Robin,
I'm so sorry to hear of Harlan's passing. He was a wonderful man and a kind and thoughtful friend to my family and me. I feel so fortunate to have been one of his students and to have had the opportunity to work with him as a fellow actor. Whether Harlan was in the classroom or on stage, he was a true and gracious reminder of why we love the theatre. Thank you for sharing your dad with all of us "theatre kids" over the years.
I'm holding you in my heart and keeping you and your families in my prayers.
Love, Terri*

Terri Eoff - May 27, 2023 at 12:25 PM

DS

“ Harlan, you were a best friend to many who needed a best friend. You had a special gift of sensing a person's need for a word of wisdom, encouragement or healing at the right time and place. How sensitive you were to the Source who guided you. The times spent in treasured fellowship were all too brief. Do you remember what we said when saying good bye? "Next time, let's pick up where we left off." How we long to hear those words again. You have made it easy to find you in heaven. all we need to do is listen for your beautiful, genuine laugh like no other. There we will find you with Jesus in the midst of a multitude of best friends. Look for us standing in line waiting to pick up where we left off. No time restraints.....we will have eternity.
David and Anita Smither, Lubbock, Texas

David Smither - May 26, 2023 at 05:56 PM

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David and Anita Smither Lubbock, Texas

David Smither - May 25, 2023 at 12:59 PM

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“ I met Harlan a few years ago when he volunteered his time to play the piano for our church. I knew immediately that he loved the Lord and was using his gift to serve others. I could tell that he had a kind and gentle spirit. I pray that his family can find peace knowing he's now with the Lord and gratitude that they had him in their lives.

Carolyn Graham - May 25, 2023 at 11:16 AM

JM

“ Elizabeth My thoughts and prayers are with you and family. 🙏❤️

Joan Mullen - May 24, 2023 at 06:32 PM