



Harold Lamascus

December 16, 1952 - August 7, 2016

Harold Wesley Lamascus passed away on August 7, 2016. He was a man known for his loyalty, sense of humor, love for his family, and willingness to help others. Harold was born in Smithville, Texas, the fourth of five children of Wesley and Patty Jo Lamascus. He grew up in the country on the south side of San Antonio, always considering himself a Texas country boy. A 1971 graduate of East Central High School, Harold married his high school sweetheart Gloria upon graduation. He worked first as a bricklayer and then joined the United States Air Force in 1972. During his six years of service, Harold was stationed at Griffiss AFB in Rome, NY, RAF Croughton in England and Tinker AFB in Oklahoma. He was very proud to have served his country and greatly respected others who devoted their lives to military service. Upon completion of his service, Harold attended college on the GI Bill, earning his BA from UTSA in 1983 and becoming a Certified Public Accountant. He worked in public accounting for many years, later jointly running a CPA firm with his wife Gloria for over 10 years. Most recently, he worked with A/C Technical Services, LTD as their in-house CPA. Throughout his career, he valued the opportunity to help small businesses succeed.

A devoted family man, Harold was married to Gloria for 45 years and they raised two daughters, Darcelle and Lorelle, together. Harold was afterschool care for his daughters while he attended college, spending his afternoons helping them with homework and riding bikes and watching MASH with them. Later, he enjoyed spending time with his five grandchildren, Sydney 17,

Isabelle 15, Margaret 11, Charles 9, and Christopher 4. He loved and had strong relationships with his whole family. His sisters relied on him and often called and visited, and his brothers-in-law were best friends to him. His nieces and nephews always adored their "Uncle Harold", who really got the family gatherings started with his fun-loving and mischievous ways. From a kid's perspective, family gatherings never really started until he showed up. Every one of his nieces and nephews was special to him, and he loved to watch them play sports, to help celebrate their achievements and the achievements of their children. He was proud, as an ECISD School Board Member, to be able to hand diplomas to his niece Ashley and his nephew Drew.

A natural athlete, Harold quickly picked up any sport he tried. He threw a mean dart and could put spin on ping pong and tennis balls that left his opponents dazed. As Harold would say, "You've got to put a little English on it." He played on dart leagues, soccer teams, and baseball teams throughout his life, and in later years regularly ran the Beach to Bay Relay Marathon on Armed Forces Day with his brother-in-law Royce. He also conquered the Warrior Dash battlefield with Royce, his daughter Lorelle, and his wife. Harold grew up in a family that was all-around competitive, in word puzzles, Scrabble games, jigsaw puzzles, and dominoes, but, above all in family baseball games. He grew up playing baseball in the cow pastures with his parents and four siblings, and went on to play in leagues with his Dad, Wesley, and brother, Paul. Together, Paul and Harold played excellent baseball at Garza's Field, but he always said his sister Charla was the most competitive player he knew. Baseball was played at every family gathering by tradition, with Harold's notoriously flexible rules: while you can't run outside of the baseline, it is perfectly acceptable to leap over your young nephew standing in your way. For Harold, bases could be stolen, not just figuratively, but literally, in order to make the play. His agility and adeptness as a short-stop earned him the nickname "Pac-Man" during his church league days because he scooped up every ball that came his way, just like the arcade character ate up dots. His over-forties team, the Pirates, won the baseball league championship in 1998.

Harold also earned trophies for soccer, bowling, and football. One of his favorite memories was of a 70 yard run he made to score a touchdown for the East Central Hornets. He earned the Most Valuable Player trophy for football his senior year 70-71.

Harold was proud and honored to have been able to go to Boys State as a high school senior. This and the other opportunities afforded him through his community inspired him to give back, serving as Trustee on the East Central School Board for six years, working with the East Central Alumni Association, and serving as Treasurer for the St Hedwig American Legion for several years. Harold was also a member of the SACPA, TSCPA, and AICPA.

Harold is preceded in death by his father, Wesley, brother, Paul Dennis, and niece, Starrlene Luna. He is survived by his mother, Patty Jo Lamascus, wife, Gloria, daughters Darcelle Zentil and husband Mark, and Lorelle Lamascus, grandchildren Sydney, Isabelle, Margaret, Charlie, and Christopher, sisters Linda Woodworth and spouse Woody, Charla Pieniazek and spouse Philip, Wanda Thompson and spouse Tom, and sister-in-law Frankie Lamascus. He is also survived by sisters and brothers-in-law Royce and Debbie Wells, Valerie and Glenn Swords, Scott and Julie Broadus, Colt and Laney Haack, John and Lori Smith, Jay and Marcie Smith, mother-in-law Mary Thomas Olds Smith, and step-mother-in-law Judy Smith. His surviving nieces and nephews include: John Moore, Dawn Ivens, Paul Lamascus II, Frank Lamascus, Ashley Altmeyer, Drew Pieniazek, Paige Pieniazek, Toby Wells, Kara Wallace, Delacey Martin, Cameron Swords, Ethan Swords, Lauren Broadus Hill, Zane and Kori Smith, Rowdy and Callie Haack, Chase and Skylar Smith. His Grandnieces and grandnephews include Cody, Michael, and Daniel Ivens, Emily and Aubrey Moore, Payton and Jordan Altmeyer, Adaira Lamascus, Mikayla and Brayden Luna, Kohl Lamascus, Adelyn, Jedidiah, and Hezekiah Wallace, Allyse and Judas Martin.

Memorial donations may be made to the East Central School Foundation or the Wounded Warrior Project. Visitation will take place at Mission Park South

Thursday, August 11, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Funeral Services will begin at 9:00am Friday, August 12, 2016 at Mission Park South.