



## Dr. Curtis (Tom) Thomas Liston Jr.

August 6, 1934 - March 17, 2019

Dr. Curtis Thomas Liston, Jr., (Tom), of Kilgore, passed away March 17, 2019 in Longview while surrounded by family. Tom was born Aug. 6, 1934 in Waco, Texas to Curtis Thomas, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth Liston, both of whom preceded him in death.

To say that education and helping others played tremendously important roles in Tom's life is an understatement. He greeted every day as a day that more knowledge can be gained by himself or given to others. Always a good student, Tom attended and graduated from Texas A&M in 1956 with his Bachelor's degree in Mathematics. In 1957, he enlisted in the Army where he served in Germany and Pakistan with honor and distinction. After his discharge, Tom returned to his academic pursuits when he enrolled in the University of North Texas and received his Masters in Counseling and Doctoral degree in Counseling/Student Services with a minor in Psychology. During his career, he taught at Dallas ISD and then began a long and distinguished partnership working as counselor, educator and, finally, Dean of Student Services at Texas State Technical College in Waco. After 38 years with TSTC, Tom retired but still felt the call to continue his own, and others', learning by teaching math at Tyler Junior College. During his tenure, Tom helped in so many ways with so many people. His caring personality and commitment to bettering the lives of students and educators with effective counseling and goal setting enabled many to not only maintain accomplishing their goals but, in fact, he helped them reach further for higher achievements.

He was the first to be called when academic and personal challenges were encountered and his sound counsel and sage advice enabled those he helped to see that these challenges could, and would, be conquered. A strong man with a wonderful selfless heart for others, Tom will be missed by all whose lives he touched.

Tom is survived by his wife of 55 years, Kay Liston, of Kilgore; children: Curt Liston and wife, Renee, of Terrell, Julie Bynum and husband, Mike, of Arp, TX; grandchildren: Kayla Liston, Cody Liston and wife, Stormy, Mason Jones, and Bailey Bynum; great grandchildren: Jaylon Derrick, Antonio Judie, Kace Judie, Brennan Judie and Xander Liston; brothers: Dick Liston, Harry Liston and wife, Judy; sister, Lillian Lynch and husband, Bob, as well as nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of former students, colleagues and friends.

Graveside for Tom Liston will be 1 p.m. Friday March 22, 2019 at College Mound Cemetery. A celebration of Tom's life will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday March 22 at College Mound United Methodist Church. Family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday March 21, 2019 at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations.

# Cemetery Details

## College Mound Cemetery

15010 FM 429 South  
Terrell, TX 75161

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations  
642 N Rockwall Avenue  
Terrell, TX 75160  
(972) 524-0881  
<https://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com>

## Graveside Service

MAR 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

College Mound Cemetery  
15010 FM 429 South  
Terrell, TX 75161

## Celebration of Life

MAR 22. 1:30 PM (CT)

College Mound United Methodist Church  
14490 FM 429 South  
Terrell, TX 75161



# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Curtis (Tom) Thomas Liston Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Praying for the Liston Family --Herschel Grier*

**HERSCHEL R GRIER** - May 01, 2019 at 04:44 PM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



**Renee** - March 27, 2019 at 02:48 PM

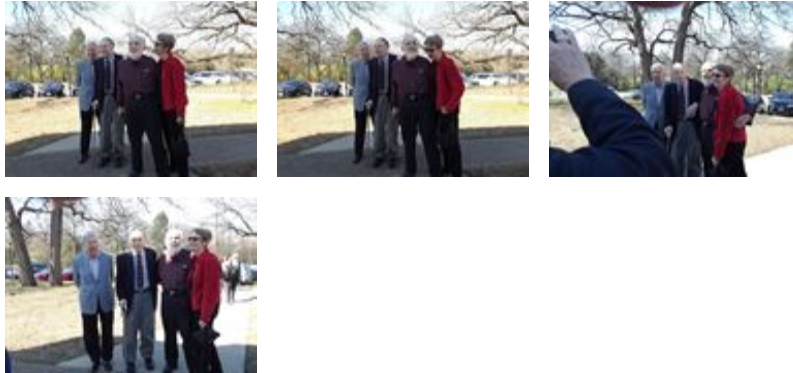


“ *Dr Liston Will be greatly missed, a truly Good Man.  
Sincerely, David Quiram*

**David Quiram** - March 23, 2019 at 11:06 PM



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - March 21, 2019 at 04:11 PM

MB

“ *Thank you Tom. For all your advice you have given me over these years on raising mason and Bailey. You were a great father and grandfather. Love and will miss you*

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**Mike bynum** - March 21, 2019 at 03:01 PM

DK

“ *I had the very distinct joy and privilege to be hired by and work for Dr. Liston from 1997-2001 at TSTC. I LOVED working with him! What an incredible mentor and educator he was. I have such clear memories of his spirit of help and counsel to those who came into our office. He also had such a great love for his family. Please know that I have your family in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.*  
*Dawn Khoury*

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**Dawn Khoury** - March 21, 2019 at 02:10 PM

TC

“ TRINITY UNTIED METHODIST CHURCH  
purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the  
family of Dr. Curtis (Tom) Thomas Liston Jr..



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**TRINITY UNTIED METHODIST CHURCH** - March 21, 2019 at  
10:49 AM

CS

“ Dear Kay,

*My sincere sympathy. Tom's passing is a  
great loss to you, your family and all the lives  
he touched. Be at peace my friend.*

*Carol (Allen) Salvato  
former CORD employee*



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**Carol Salvato** - March 21, 2019 at 08:47 AM

CS

*carol.salvato@tstc.edu*

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**Carol Salvato** - March 21, 2019 at 08:49 AM

JP

*Saddened to learn of Tom's passing. He was my friend and co-worker  
at TSTI. My condolences to is family. May God's grace and comfort  
sustain you in these troubling moments.*

*Jim Pitts*

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**Jim Pitts** - March 22, 2019 at 07:43 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Curtis (Tom) Thomas Liston Jr..*

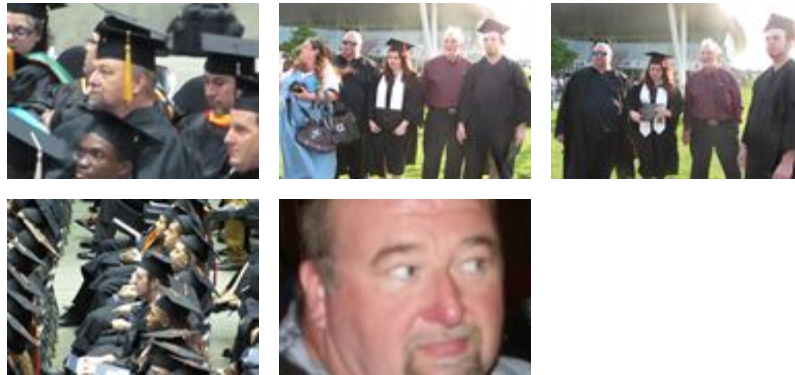


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March 20, 2019 at 11:01 PM



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - March 20, 2019 at 02:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Curtis (Tom) Thomas Liston Jr..*



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March 20, 2019 at 06:56 AM

KJ

“ Kevin, Jennifer, Kendall, Kourtney & Konnor Johnson purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dr. Curtis (Tom) Thomas Liston Jr..



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**Kevin, Jennifer, Kendall, Kourtney & Konnor Johnson** - March 19, 2019 at 09:16 PM

JW

“ Jim Bob & Yvonne Wynne lit a candle in memory of Dr. Curtis (Tom) Thomas Liston Jr.



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**Jim Bob & Yvonne Wynne** - March 19, 2019 at 07:46 PM

JK

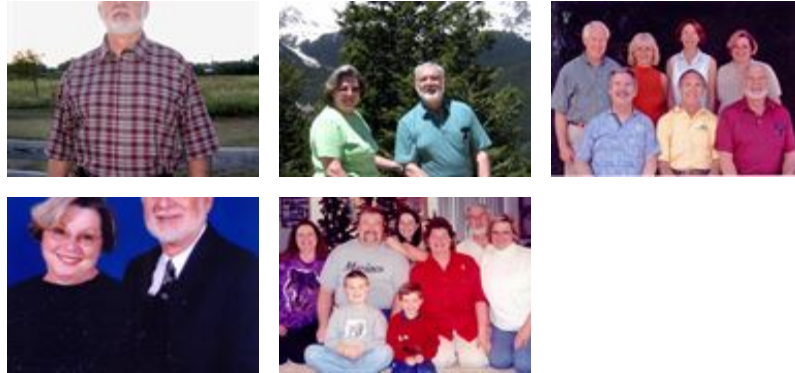
“ Tom is just 2 years older than I, but when we were little bitty he was my first "crush". I thought he was so cool. (We didn't use that word "cool" back in the day!). As a grown man, he was always so nice, courteous, gentlemanly. My sincere condolences to his immediate and extended family.

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**Joyce Kimmell** - March 19, 2019 at 02:39 PM



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Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - March 19, 2019 at 01:34 PM

CR

“ *Dr. Liston had a heart of gold and was one the most empathetic and caring individuals that I've ever had the good fortune to work with. As an aspiring administrator at TSTC Waco under Tom's tutelage years ago, I benefitted greatly from his knowledge, wisdom, and years of experience in the Student Services area and will forever be grateful to him for his support, advice, and guidance as I ascended to the Chief Student Affairs position. The TSTC Waco Administration, scores of graduating students, and I, are the better because we crossed paths with Curtis T. Liston (an Aggie forever)! Kay, Curt, and Julie...I pray that God will strengthen and comfort each of you as you prepare to say goodbye to Tom on Friday, and in the lonely days ahead, that you all find comfort in the many wonderful thoughts and joyous memories shared with a "good man."*

*Charles E. Reed - TSTC Waco 1984-2007*

Charles E. Reed - March 19, 2019 at 12:29 AM

FA

*Dr. Liston was a great person. I first met him as a student when I started classes at TSTC and he always had great advice and a contagious smile on his face. After I graduated and went to work for TSTC he was always there to help me learn what was required in my position. If I had been able to stay at TSTC I am sure I would have learned much from him.*

*To his family I am sorry for your loss. But I am sure that he would have wanted you all to move forward and embrace life. Live every day to its fullest.*

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**Frances (Cobb) Armstrong** - March 19, 2019 at 11:11 AM

SC

*Dr. Liston inspired me with positivity and smiles whenever I needed advice for new the position I had working for him in Testing at TSTC Waco. I learned so much about testing and counseling of students. He taught me never to give up on students...they will achieve their goals one day. He was a kind, patient, caring, enthusiast man with inspirational positivity. My prayers will be with him and his wonderful family. Our lives pass on but Memories never do and we will always have our loved ones in our heart and our life. Rest in eternal peace Dr. Liston.*

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**Sandra G. Corbett** - March 19, 2019 at 11:45 AM

RM

*I have known the Liston family since 1976 when we moved to Waco. Living on Robins Loop, oh the memories, water balloons ( leaving that piece of the balloon on the spicket ) Dr Liston would just shake his head at us. He was always a supporter of school events. When I was blessed to be able to work with him at TSTC, he taught me a lot about kindness, patience and just listening. So many times I would go to the counseling office and see Dr Liston, Ben Younger, Wilson Boggess Sr, James Gilmore, Jafus Cavil and Phyllis Cashaw sitting and chatting about life or just sitting. He will be missed but our memories will become more treasured as days pass.*

*Love hugs and prayers for the family and all who were touched by him.*

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**Robin Mack** - March 19, 2019 at 02:38 PM