



Timothy Edward Merrell

May 3, 1962 - September 19, 2016

Timothy Edward Merrell departed from this earth and arrived in Heaven on September 19, 2016, just one month after his 87-year-old father did the same. Ron Merrell and his son Tim always liked doing things together, like golf for example. And if there are any fairways just outside the pearly gates, you'll find them there.

Tim was 54, born on May 3, 1962 in New Iberia, La. He was the youngest son of preacher Ron and his wife Betty, the husband of veterinarian Dawn Merrell, father of 9-year-old Lauren Merrell, and brother of Dan Merrell. Tim accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at the age of seven at The Merrell home in Red Fork, Oklahoma, a suburb outside of Tulsa (where his parents grew up).

Tim and his brother Dan grew up in Vietnam during the infamous war in the 60's and 70's where their parents served as Southern Baptist Missionaries. When the family moved to the Washington D.C. area in 1974, Tim excelled in sports at Taney Jr. High and Potomac Senior High School in Maryland. After graduating from Baylor University in '85, Tim entered the banking world, while getting his MBA at The University of North Texas. After working as EVP of Energy Lending for both Amegy Bank and Bank of Texas, Tim worked for Tridimension Energy then partnered with several others to start Spirit Resources, LLC (named after his daughter's favorite animated movie horse).

In 2005, Tim met and married Dawn Brittain at First Baptist Forney and in 2007 Dawn gave birth to Lauren Diana. The pictures of the family's early years at their horse ranch in Poetry say it all - their home was full of life, love and joy.

Tim did many things in his life which endeared him to those he knew - mainly take care of every need his family and friends had. Tim was a great giver, a hard worker, a fierce competitor and a Boomer Sooner fan through and through. He was also a devoted husband and father who loved his wife Dawn and daughter Lauren with all his heart and soul.

Soon after Lauren was born, Tim's health deteriorated quickly over the years, until he was forced to go on disability. He fought Sphenopalatine Ganglion Neuralgia for 9 years. During that time, he endured over 20 surgical procedures and an endless parade of prescription drugs and treatments that rendered him an invalid for the last several years of his life. Dawn was by his side every step of the way, constant nurse, companion and wife.

Though hundreds prayed for healing for years, Tim's condition spiraled downward. A recent visit to his bedside prompted Tim's Uncle Rex Caughron to say, "Tim, you are the bravest man I ever met."

What he did in surviving these last years was beyond average human endurance - a feat that will be lauded in the halls of heaven by the angelic host. I know. I am his brother Dan. And I was there with his wife and daughter as an eyewitness to this courageous battle with Hell. The war for Tim's life is over now, and Tim is safely home with his Maker and Savior.

To our defeated foe we say this - "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any

powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39.

Family visitation will be at the Max Slayton Funeral Home in Terrell, TX. 642 N. Rockwall Avenue, Terrell, TX 75160, September 21, 6-8pm.

The funeral service will be held at First Baptist Church, Terrell, TX. 403 N Catherine St, Terrell, TX 75160 at 11am Thursday, September 22.

For those unable to attend the funeral, it will be broadcast live on Dan Merrell's FACEBOOK page. To see the service, send Dan a friend request on FACEBOOK. It will remain in Dan's Facebook timeline for the duration so even if you cannot watch with us at 11am on Thursday, you may log onto the page and view it whenever you wish.

Cemetery Details

College Mound Cemetery

15010 FM 429 South
Terrell, TX 75161

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Terrell
403 N. Catherine
Terrell, TX 75160
<http://www.fbcterrell.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Timothy Edward Merrell*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Dawn and Lauren,
I just today heard the sad news. I am so deeply saddened for your loss. I worked with Tim for a couple of years while he was with Amegy. I can remember how excited he was when Lauren was born and how his face lit up when he spoke of his family. I pray God brings you peace and that God's mercy be with all of Tim's family.
Sincerely,
Annie Martinez*

Annie Martinez - October 20, 2016 at 06:00 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of
Timothy Edward Merrell.*



September 23, 2016 at 02:14 AM



“ *Dawn, You are a precious lady and that tells me that your husband was a precious man. I will be praying fervently in the days and weeks ahead that Jesus wrap his arms around you and your daughter as you mourn your loss. Much love and hugs for you,
Marni Roberson and family*

Marni Roberson - September 23, 2016 at 01:00 AM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - September 21, 2016 at 02:54 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Timothy Edward Merrell.



September 21, 2016 at 01:47 PM



“ Dawn,
My heart aches for you and Lauren. May God wrap His arms around you and give you the peace, strength and comfort that only He can give.
With deep sympathy,
Mrs. Gerald (Rita) Scott

Rita Scott - September 21, 2016 at 11:55 AM

DR

“ *All our love to Dawn and Lauren. You are in our thoughts and we are always here for the two of you. We love you! Scott, D'Ann, MaeAnn and Betty*

D'Ann Ross - September 21, 2016 at 07:59 AM

JS

“ *My heart goes out to the Merrell Family. Words can never express the loss of a love one. Bless you Dawn and Lauren..... Jeannie Simpson*

Jeannie Simpson - September 21, 2016 at 12:16 AM

SB

*Dawn
You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers!
So sorry for your loss
Stan and Sue Ballard*

sue Ballard - September 21, 2016 at 11:44 AM

NM

*Dearest Dawn and Lauren-
My heart is with you and my prayers lift you up to our heavenly Father for comfort and peace. I will never recite Ps. 91 again without thinking of your Tim - and you. With all my love and blessings - Norma Morris*

Norma Morris - September 21, 2016 at 09:23 PM

CW

Oh, Dawn and Lauren, how our hearts are hurting for your great loss. May God give you comfort and strength during this most difficult time. We love you and will continue to remember you in our thoughts and prayers. Truman and Carol Welch

Carol Welch - September 22, 2016 at 07:09 AM

MB

The news of Tim's passing catches me and some other "golf buddies" speechless. For a number of years he was part of our foursome. Always in a good mood and always enjoyable to have with us. He was what we referred to as a "really good guy." Unfortunately we lost touch with him over the years but often talked about him and wished he would be back. We send our thoughts and prayers to Dawn and Lauren and wish we had learned of Tim's passing in time for us to have attended the services. Mike Boeding, Chuck McGuire and Paul Dees.

Mike Boeding - September 22, 2016 at 07:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Timothy Edward Merrell.*



September 20, 2016 at 09:33 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Timothy Edward Merrell.*



September 20, 2016 at 09:13 PM