



Leo Byron Boyce

September 23, 1943 - March 25, 2024

Leo Byron Boyce, Jr., born on a sunny September day in 1943 in Houston, TX, passed away on March 25, 2024, in Tomball, TX. Byron was the pride of Leo Byron (Pat) Boyce, Sr. and Charlene Boyce Chancellor and stepson to James Chancellor.

Byron leaves behind a tapestry of love woven through his cherished spouse of over sixty years, Elvina Carolyn Boyce; his dedicated children, Mary Elizabeth Meeks and her husband, Mark Meeks, and Patrick Boyce and his wife, Tiffany Boyce; his adored grandchildren, Autumn Meeks Jones, Hunter Meeks, Barrett Meeks, Sloane Meeks, Ashley Boyce, and Brooklyn Boyce; and his treasured great-grandchildren, Payton Jones and Riley Jones. A devoted husband, a guiding father, and a playful B-Paw, his legacy is carried on through the lives he touched. Byron is also lovingly remembered by his sisters, Melanie McCray and Dana Haar.

Byron was not just a man of faith; he was a living testament to it. His service as a Deacon at Spring Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Katy, wasn't just a title; it was a mission. Over 15 years, he shaped minds and hearts in adult Sunday School and, with Carolyn, taught the Covenant Marriage class to hundreds of couples.

Let's talk about Byron, the community hero. From his early days as a

volunteer EMS technician - racing to emergencies with the same urgency he'd later employ to beat everyone to church - to his altruistic ventures with the United Way, Byron was always on the front lines. And let's not forget that voice! A baritone so commanding, I'm sure even the angels took notes. Byron's singing in church was not just an act of worship but a call to feel every word in our souls.

His retirement in 2006 from ExxonMobil marked the end of his corporate chapter but the beginning of what could be called 'Byron's golden DIY era.' Fixing, building, wiring - you name it, he did it. He was the original YouTube tutorial before YouTube was a thing. And, of course, he was the family's undisputed jar opener, a title he wore with as much pride as any of his professional accolades.

But what of Byron, the family man? A devoted husband to Carolyn, a loving father to Mary Elizabeth and Patrick, a doting B-Paw to his grandchildren, and a recent inductee into the great-grandparent hall of fame. Byron's heart was as expansive as his toolbox, and both were always open.

He was a man who lived by the clock—always thirty minutes early, a trait that I'm sure saved us all from many 'just in time' moments. And who could forget his sacred travels to Israel with Carolyn? Or the way he cherished MaryBeth's singing, or their days on the lake, or watching Patrick play golf—every moment was a chapter in his book of love.

Now, to the humor that Byron cherished: the man had a laugh that could cure any sorrow, a joke for every occasion, and an enduring love for the Sunday comics. And, yes, he was the superhero who bravely consumed Carolyn's extremely rare culinary misfires, declaring them 'delicious' with the conviction of a Michelin-star chef.

Byron lived by Ephesians 5:25, loving Carolyn as Christ loved the church. A love so profound, so steadfast, it became the cornerstone of our family.

The Boyce Family invites you to join us in celebrating Byron's life this coming Monday, April 1, 2024, at Spring Baptist Church's Student Ministries Building at 11 am, with visitation starting at 10 am. In closing, thank you, Byron, for every tool lent, every word of wisdom, every melody sung, and every joke shared. Thank you all for being here today, for sharing in the joy that was Byron's life, and for continuing his legacy of love, laughter, and service.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our "Bouncing Byrona" never changed! The John Foster Dulles Class of 1961 was so blessed to have not just Byron, but Carolyn too as our beloved classmates. Always happy, always upbeat and always there for anyone who needed a friend. We loved you then and we love you now.

Jon & BJ

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Leo Byron Boyce.



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