



## Charles Lloyd Tatum

April 8, 1946 - December 23, 2020

Charles Lloyd Tatum, 74, of Lubbock passed away from COVID-19 at University Medical Center on December 23, 2020. Lloyd was born on April 8, 1946 in Shamrock, Texas to Thelma Lloyd Kesler Tatum and William Rayfield “Ray” Tatum and later grew up in Lubbock. Lloyd met his wife of 55 years, Willie Ruth White, in Lubbock. After attending Texas Tech University, he worked for nearly his entire career with General Motors Corporation. As a car buff, he was fortunate to work in an industry that was both his vocation and his avocation. His job took him and his family to 5 continents until he finally settled back in Lubbock for retirement in 1994 after a posting in Dubai, U.A.E. When his daughters would come to visit in Lubbock, he could always be found outside cleaning the car engine or ensuring that all of the windows were completely spotless before they got back on the road. He was equally fastidious about his yard. Indeed, one could drive down his street in the dead of winter and his lawn would be a striking green, tidy rectangle in an otherwise endless stretch of ragged beige.

A staunch “Reagan Republican,” Lloyd proudly placed a Trump yard sign in his front yard and never missed an opportunity to blame Democrats for any personal misfortune or perceived societal malady. He often engaged his daughters in spirited political discussions in recent years.

Other than his family, his greatest lifelong loves were always dogs, most recently Mayda and Mike. His daily wardrobe in retirement consisted almost entirely of Bermuda shorts paired with T-shirts sporting a large picture of a

Boxer and a logo such as “Boxer Dad.” You could always find him late at night in the living room watching classic films from the 1940s and 1950s (or even Buffy the Vampire Slayer) with his dog Mayda at his feet and occasionally some ice cream that his wife had hidden from him far back in the freezer. His mother, father, and brother, Ronald Hugh Tatum, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Willie Ruth (White) Tatum, his three daughters – Tootie Tatum and grand-dogs Moose, Phoenix and Rocky of Concord, CA, Lela Tatum-Mintz and grand-dogs Addie Mae and Lu Magoo of Raleigh, NC, and Lynn Tatum and grand-dogs Lady Larry and Roger of Los Angeles, CA. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Austin Boxer Rescue (<https://austinboxerrescue.com/>). Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q  
Lubbock, TX 79415

# Tribute Wall

LL

“ *Lori Lieck lit a candle in memory of Charles Lloyd Tatum*



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**Lori Lieck** - January 04, 2021 at 03:42 PM

SP

“ *Condolences and Fond memories. Hope that says it all.*

*Steve and Sara Pardy, Amarillo, TX*

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**Steve Pardy** - January 02, 2021 at 11:37 AM

KC

“ *Karla Chapman lit a candle in memory of Charles Lloyd Tatum*



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**Karla Chapman** - December 31, 2020 at 07:45 PM

AC

“ *Aricka Cano lit a candle in memory of Charles Lloyd Tatum*



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**Aricka Cano** - December 31, 2020 at 01:12 PM

KO

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Lloyd. Many prayers for you all!!

kendra oden - December 31, 2020 at 09:17 AM

WT

“ Willie- Many, many prayers to you and your family.

Wendy Thal - December 31, 2020 at 09:01 AM

HB

“ Willie, I am so sorry for your loss. He will be missed. Take care of yourself. Girls, so sorry fo your loss. Take care of your mother.

Hilda Burrow - December 30, 2020 at 11:59 PM

RC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Lloyd. I had the pleasure of working with him two times while we were with GM. He was a character. I recall we flew to Detroit on the same plane to report to a new job. He told me and other GM people he was not going to that job. Guess what, he did not go. He went overseas just like he said he would. To the Family, I sincerely hope your grief is short and your memories last forever. He was a great guy! My God be with you. Robert and Monica Cole North Richland Hills, TX

Robert and Monica Cole - December 30, 2020 at 05:23 PM

SC

“ Sheila Cantu lit a candle in memory of Charles Lloyd Tatum



Sheila Cantu - December 29, 2020 at 11:21 AM

PG

“ Oh, Willie I am so very sorry. I will never forget how he took care of me and made me feel welcome - while working in your home during the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. I always enjoyed your stories about Lloyd - he seemed like he was quite a character. During this time I am sending you and your daughters my sincere condolences.  
*Pam Gandy*

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**Pam Gandy** - December 29, 2020 at 10:36 AM

JC

“ Willie, sending you and your family so much love, light, comfort and peace at this time. Keeping you all in my prayers. Many many blessings to each of you. *Jen Collins*



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**Jen Collins** - December 29, 2020 at 10:35 AM

SH

“ Willie, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Although I didn't know Lloyd, I felt as though I did through your funny stories about him. My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.

*Sharon Holloman*

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**Sharon Holloman** - December 29, 2020 at 01:33 AM

LH

“ Willie, Lela and all--

*I never had the opportunity to meet Lloyd, but heard all the wonderful things Willie said about him when our paths would cross and would hear all about the precious daughters you both praised! I am thankful to have been a small part of Lela's nursing journey and to know you, Willie. His legacy lives on in you, and your talented and giving daughters! Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. LaMicha Hogan*



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**LaMicha Hogan** - December 29, 2020 at 12:58 AM

TG

“ Dear Willie,  
*I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.*  
Toni Galvan

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**Toni Galvan** - December 28, 2020 at 11:06 PM

DF

“ I am writing to represent Lynn Tatum's "work family" at UCLA's Department of World Arts and Cultures/Dance (WACD). The entire WACD community - students, faculty and staff - is holding Lynn and the whole Tatum family in our hearts during these difficult days. Lynn is beloved at UCLA, and (speaking as a parent myself) what better tribute to Lloyd than that? Peace, peace, peace.

*Dan Froot  
Professor and Chair  
UCLA Department of World Arts and Cultures/Dance*



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**Dan Froot** - December 28, 2020 at 07:31 PM

JR

“Lloyd was my factory rep for many years and he was always prepared and knowledgeable and very very very helpful. He’s a great man very knowledgeable of things that no one really knew anything about until you talk to Lloyd. I can’t say enough nice things about Lloyd and I know he and Willie made a great team. I know he will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with Willie and the girls. God bless all of you and heaven has a fine example of a good person to look up to now! John and Stephanie Roley

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**John Roley** - December 28, 2020 at 06:16 PM

MA

“Marcia Argolo lit a candle in memory of Charles Lloyd Tatum



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**Marcia Argolo** - December 28, 2020 at 06:15 PM

AG

“Lloyd and Willie were quite a team! I know Willie will miss him dearly and all those good arguments they had! I will miss him too...as he loved to argue with me too! Lloyd may you rest in peace....we promise to carrying on those debates you always were so good at! Willie we love you and our thoughts are with you during this very difficult time! Alexia Green

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**Alexia Green** - December 28, 2020 at 05:48 PM

DS

“ Dear Willie,  
I am so sorry for your loss. My sincerest condolences to you and your family. Sending prayers of comfort and healing as you continue recovering.  
Debbie Sikes

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**Debbie Sikes** - December 28, 2020 at 03:59 PM

SR

“ Stephanie Jones Ramirez lit a candle in memory of Charles Lloyd Tatum



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**Stephanie Jones Ramirez** - December 28, 2020 at 03:32 PM

YM

“ We are so very sorry you and Lloyd contracted COVID-19 and for Lloyd's loss. Our prayers and positive thoughts are with you and your family.

*Yondell Masten*

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**Yondell Masten** - December 28, 2020 at 03:28 PM

BG

“ Willie and the girls, our family sends condolences and prayers during this most difficult time. I have so many fond memories of you and Lloyd. From buying one of your cars years ago and getting advice about cars from him, to you finding me a piano teacher for Ryan when he was in elementary school, to you helping me try to master peanut brittle, to getting to see Lloyd’s BMW and joining the card playing group, which was so fun. I am praying for God to place His comforting hands upon you, Tootie, Lela, and Lynn.

Belinda Gallegos - December 28, 2020 at 02:52 PM

MT

I am so sorry for your family’s loss. I hope you can find comfort and peace.

Molly Toon - December 28, 2020 at 04:45 PM

RE

“ I have known Willie and Lloyd for many years and fondly name them Mother and Dad after one of our trips with SON. You will be missed and my love to Lela, Tootie, Lynn and Willie. My prayers are with you all and I will make a donation in Lloyds memory. love ReJeanne

ReJeanne - December 28, 2020 at 02:48 PM

PW

“ Patricia Warnock lit a candle in memory of Charles Lloyd Tatum



Patricia Warnock - December 28, 2020 at 02:47 PM

JF

“ Joe And Geraldine Ferrer lit a candle in memory of Charles Lloyd Tatum



Joe and Geraldine Ferrer - December 28, 2020 at 02:46 PM

DR

“ Debbie Rivera purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of Charles Lloyd Tatum.



Debbie Rivera - December 28, 2020 at 02:22 PM

AG

“ Having known and loved Willie for MANY years, I have heard so much about Lloyd, his loving nature and many other things Willie loved about him. I'm so sorry for your loss and sorry, also, that Willie is ill and in the hospital! You all will be in my thoughts and prayers!

Annette Gary - December 28, 2020 at 02:07 PM

CU

“ Cynthia Urive lit a candle in memory of Charles Lloyd Tatum



Cynthia Urive - December 28, 2020 at 01:59 PM

AP

“ *Willie and girls, I'm so very sorry for your loss. He loved you all so much and that was evident in the love you all gave back to him. May sweet memories keep him forever close and may God hold you all even closer. Allison Pritchard*

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**Allison Pritchard** - December 28, 2020 at 01:55 PM

DB

“ *Denise Brunner lit a candle in memory of Charles Lloyd Tatum*



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**Denise Brunner** - December 28, 2020 at 01:54 PM