

## Obituary for Jerry Steven Mendell

Jerry Steven Mendell, 77, of Flint passed away Thursday, August 8, 2019 in Tyler in the loving care of Hospice of East Texas. He was born October 15, 1941 in Houston to Dan Mendell Jr. and Sara Ann Stevenson Mendell. Jerry graduated in 1959 from Lamar High School in Houston, TX. He also attended Rice University. For the majority of his career he worked as a Sales Manager at Color Tile, then owned a business in Tyler for years until he retired. People said he could sell someone air conditioning for an igloo in Alaska, he was just that good at his job. After retiring, he became an ordained minister and served as Pastor in Cushing and Zavalla. Jerry was a member of Bullard First United Methodist Church where he became good friends with his Pastor David Brasher. He loved to play golf and tennis in his younger years but preferred to read his Bible or watch baseball as he got older. Jerry was a friendly person who could spark up lengthy conversations with anyone. He loved to tell stories, make people laugh, or share the gospel. He was an expert napper and could get caught napping just about anywhere he sat for more than a minute. Jerry was preceded in death by both of his parents. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 42 years, Patricia Byrd Mendell; brothers, Dan Mendell III of Houston, TX and Steve Mendell of Steamboat Springs, Colorado; his daughter, Mari Ann White and husband Shawn of Flint, TX; and his son, James Steven Mendell and wife Tammi of Lufkin, TX. He was very proud of all his grandkids including, Allison and Sara White, Corbett, Hannah, Josh, Gabe, Eli, Levi, Lilly, Micah, and Noah Mendell and several step-grandkids. He is also survived by several nephews and brothers-in-law that he was incredibly proud of. We will celebrate Jerry's life at Bullard First United Methodist Church on October 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Bullard First United Methodist Church, 204 S. Rather St., Bullard, TX 75757.