

Shipman Family

Four generations of the Shipman family have attended Texas Tech University, an accomplishment not many families reach!

The Shipman and Lynskey families moved to west Texas over a century ago. Farming and oil speculating brought the original family members west. Due to the depression, the Shipman family left oil speculating to become grocers, while the Lynskey family remained farmers.

The first family member to attend Texas Tech University was Ruth Shipman. She was a teacher and attained her Master's degree in Education in 1956. She and her husband Jimmy had one child, Michael D. Shipman. He grew up in Lubbock and chose to attend Texas Tech. He received a BBA, Marketing-Sales degree in 1961. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity where he met Patsy Ann Lynskey at one of the fraternity's social events. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Patsy grew up in towns around the Lubbock area. During the time Patsy and Mike were attending the university, it was named Texas Technological College. It was changed to Texas Tech University after they graduated. Patsy saved her banner with Texas Technological College written on it and she then passed it on to Bryan, who passed it on to John Michael. It is a treasured keepsake for our family. Patsy received a BBA degree in 1958. Mike and Patsy married in 1961, and then moved to Dallas where they had two sons; Mickey, the oldest, then Bryan. They later moved to Houston in 1970 and remained there.

While growing up, Bryan gained an appreciation for Texas Tech as his parents watched the ball games, especially football. Soon he became Tech's number one fan and decided he wanted to wear red and black, and was accepted to the university where he stayed in Coleman Hall his freshman year. He received a BBA, Marketing-Sales degree in May 1989. He enjoyed college life and the long lasting friendship with his roommate, John McDowell III, until John's death in July, 2013. He began dating Ivanna Peña before going to college and they married in November 1989, having one son, John Michael. He gained his love for Texas Tech by hearing stories from his father and grandparents, and by watching football games with them. Bryan and Ivanna would also take John Michael to Bowl Games

when he was old enough to sit through an entire game. Also, while in Lubbock visiting family, Bryan would take him to visit the campus. Therefore John Michael knew he wanted to be a Red Raider and has been attending since fall 2011, also staying in Coleman Hall his freshman year. He received an invitation and joined Alpha Lambda Delta honors fraternity after his first semester. He holds a leadership position for the Catholic Student Association and is the liturgical chair for the student Mass at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church near campus. John Michael will graduate in May 2015 and receive a BBA, Marketing-Sales degree and takes great pride in being a fourth generation Red Raider!