



Thomas Wayne Gossett

September 14, 1933 - April 20, 2019

Thomas Wayne “Buddy” Gossett, 85, of Giddings, Texas passed away peacefully April 20, 2019 at Giddings Residence and Rehabilitation with his family and caregivers by his side. The family is planning a private service to celebrate his life.

Buddy was born on September 14, 1933 in Henderson, Texas. He is the son of O.W. and Ruby Gossett, and the brother of his twin, Baby Gossett and Billy Ray Gossett. He lived in Henderson as a child.

After graduation from high school, Buddy began attending Stephen F. Austin where he studied Accounting and went on to graduate with a Master’s in Business Administration after serving in the Air Force. He was in the Air Force for 4 years and was stationed in both Korea and Tennessee. He met his wife, Myra Jean Eller, during his time in Tennessee. They fell in love at first sight and Buddy didn’t have an opportunity to take her on a date before he left for Korea, but he asked Myra Jean’s dad for her hand in marriage when he returned. They never went on a date but got married on June 8, 1956.

They moved to California where Buddy was stationed and moved back to Texas in the summer of 1957. They spent a few years in Buddy’s hometown of Henderson to be near his family, as they welcomed their first daughter, Terry Jean, in September 1957. They moved to Donna in 1960 where their second daughter, Cindy Jo, was born in November 1963. Buddy was a middle school teacher and coach for a few years then promoted to a principal at Donna Elementary School.

Buddy and Jean moved to Giddings in 1974, where they were both very active with their church, schools and community. Buddy was the Principal at Giddings Elementary from 1974-1981. They moved to Linden in 1981 where he was the Principal at Linden Elementary School. He retired his career as a school administrator in 1987 after 30+ years.

Buddy and Jean enjoyed retirement. They bought a motor home and toured the U.S. until

they moved back to Giddings in 1996. They loved to travel, going on cruises and spending time with each other and their families. Buddy enjoyed yard work, reading the newspaper, playing games on the computer and taking delight in routinely defeating his children, grandchildren and anyone willing to sit across from him at any card game, scrabble, checkers and chess.

Buddy was preceded in death by his mother, father, brothers, and wife. He is survived by daughters, Terry Boriack and husband, Jimmy of Lincoln and Cindy Donnell and husband, Randy of Sugarland; grandchildren, Crystal Hill and husband, Brad of Georgetown, Tommy Boriack and wife, Amy of Laguna Niguel, California, Dani Donnell of Houston and Sami Donnell of Sugarland; two great grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorials may be made to Giddings Rehabilitation & Residence Center, 1181 N Williamson St, Giddings, Texas 78942 or to the charity of one's choice.

Comments



“ Michelle M Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Thomas Wayne Gossett



Michelle M Schuetz - April 22 at 07:51 AM



“ Love you Uncle Buddy. Please give Daddy a hug for me.

Donna Gossett - April 21 at 12:08 PM



“ I remember Him when he was a *fly boy* in the Air Force and wanted my Sister! I remember Him when he married her and took her away to California! I remember Him in Henderson Texas waiting for Terry to be born! I remember Him taking me on my first trip to Mexico! I remember Him playing golf with me in the cemetery at the Country Club in Giddings! I remember Him beaming with pride when Cindy was in the beauty contest! I remember Him when I had to do his simple household repairs! I remember Him asking me how old I was fifty times a day after he became sick! I remember Him most of all for the Great Husband, Father and Brother in Law he was!!

I Loved Him and my Wonderful Sister Myra Jean and the girls Terry and Cindy so much and I will always treasure those REMEMBRANCES!!!

All my Love your Brother Joe!!

Joe Eller - April 20 at 11:32 PM