



## Billy Hiatt Stigall

October 29, 1936 - April 21, 2026

Billy Hiatt Stigall, age 89, of San Gabriel, Texas, passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening, April 21, 2026, at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 30, 2026, at San Gabriel Christian Church in San Gabriel, Texas, with Pastor Billy Bob Cox officiating. Burial will follow at Locklin Cemetery in San Gabriel.

Bill was born on October 29, 1936, in Rockdale, Texas, to William and Minnie Stigall. He was raised in San Gabriel, where he attended San Gabriel Elementary School and graduated from Thorndale High School. Bill and his brother, Zane, were raised by their devoted parents, who founded Stigall's Grocery Store in 1936 during the Great Depression.

On June 28, 1958, Bill married the love of his life, Mary Evalyn Smith. They shared 53 years together until her passing on March 28, 2012.

Following high school, Bill attended the University of Texas at Austin, where he earned a degree in Electrical Engineering. He began his career working on the Atlas Missile program with General Dynamics in California and Texas before transitioning to Lockheed at the Manned Spacecraft Center (NASA) in the Houston area. During his distinguished career, Bill contributed to some of the most historic achievements in space exploration, supporting the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Apollo–Soyuz, and Space Shuttle programs.

In 1979 after the Space Shuttle program was certified mission-ready, he retired from Lockheed, moved back to San Gabriel and ran the Stigall Store for four years after which he transitioned to Texas Utilities in Rockdale, where

he oversaw instrumentation at the power plant. He was the holder of multiple patents while working at both NASA and Texas Utilities.

Bill was a devoted father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was known for his remarkable intellect, steady character, and deep love for his family. His legacy is one of hard work, humility, and quiet strength.

He is survived by his sons, Billy Dale Stigall and wife Linda of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Brian Wayne Stigall and wife Renee of New Braunfels, Texas; his brother, Zane Stigall and wife Eunice of San Gabriel, Texas; his grandchildren, Ashley Sims and husband Will, Melanie Mitchell and husband Nik, Sydney Stigall, Jack Stigall and wife Brenna Stigall, and John Stigall and wife Alexandra Stigall; and his great-grandchildren, Finley and Bowen Sims. He is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Evalyn Stigall, and his parents, William and Minnie Stigall.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved him.

# Previous Events

## Church Service

APR **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

San Gabriel Christian Church  
184 Co Rd 421  
Thorndale, TX 76577  
(512) 373-0954

# Tribute Wall

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“ Clarence & Texana Baird Family planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Hiatt Stigall.

Clarence & Texana Baird Family - April 30 at 12:02 AM

SF

“ So sorry for your loss. Loved ones are hard to say goodbye to when they pass . He was a great father, grandfather, and relative to many with great memories.

Sharon Finn - April 29 at 08:06 PM

SF

“ Sims Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Billy Hiatt Stigall.



Sims Family - April 28 at 08:13 PM

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“ Justine with Texas Regional EMS purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Billy Hiatt Stigall.



Justine with Texas Regional EMS - April 28 at 05:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy Hiatt Stigall.*



April 28 at 05:27 PM



“ *Cecilia A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Hiatt Stigall.*

**Cecilia A.** - April 27 at 06:01 PM



“ *Bruce & Sam Munster purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Billy Hiatt Stigall.*



**Bruce & Sam Munster** - April 27 at 12:54 PM



“ *Carol W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Hiatt Stigall.*

**Carol W.** - April 27 at 11:58 AM



“ *Rebecca Leslie, Hillary and Jessica purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Billy Hiatt Stigall.*



**Rebecca Leslie, Hillary and Jessica** - April 25 at 02:20 PM



“ Prayers are with the family!!! I know he will be missed !!! Such a good man



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**Elaine Waggoner (Culp)** - April 25 at 09:02 AM