



## Don Allen Hafley

November 30, 1941 - August 14, 2025

Don Allen Hafley, 83 years old, of Milano, TX, passed away peacefully on August 14, 2025, at Arlington Memorial Hospital in Arlington, TX. Services will be held 10 am, Saturday, August 23rd at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home with Bro. Gary Westbrook officiating. Burial will follow at Sandy Creed Cemetery. Friends and loved ones are invited to attend and celebrate his life at the Baptist Church in Milano following the burial at Sandy Creek. The family will receive visitors, Friday August 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home. He was born on November 30th, 1941, in Gause to Louis Thornton Hafley and Mary Julia Zedlitz Hafley. Don graduated from Hearne High School in 1959 and later earned his degree in physical education from Texas A&M College as well as a master's degree in education from Texas A&M University in 1969. He went on to work as a coach and teacher at Strawn ISD, Gause ISD and Milano ISD where he made many friends and influenced many young people. On August 3rd, 1963, he married Carolyn Dee Yoakum, and together they built a life filled with love and family. They were blessed with a son Martyn born in August of 1969. He was also a proud grandfather to Lillie and Maddie Hafley. They called him Papa.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn Hafley of Rockdale, his Son Martyn Hafley, daughter in law Diana Hafley, Granddaughters Lille and Maddie Hafley, brother in laws Gilmer Gaston and Travis Yoakum, sister-in-law Valery Beard, nephews DeAllen Gaston, Jeremy Gaston, Steve Hafley John Yoakum, nieces Tonia Gaston, Janet Mills, Dalaiah Eiland, Angela Beard, Jennifer Bailey and

Crystal Beard. Along with numerous cousins and close friends. He was preceded in death by his father Louis Hafley, Mother Mary Zedlitz, Uncle Rufus Hafley, brothers Floyd and Johnny Hafley, sister Norma Gaston, Nephew Floyd Thomas Hafley, Neice Sandy Hafley and daughters Edra Vae and Mary.

In lieu of flowers I would ask that donations be made to: Sandy Creek Cemetery Association, c/o Travis Yoakum, 256 CR 360, Milano, TX 76556 or to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund.: 34 Washington St., Ste. 310, Wellesley, MA 02481 or his direct link: <https://curealz.org/outreach/in-memory/don-allen-hafley/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home  
1041 US-79  
Rockdale, TX 76567-4513  
(512) 446-5454

## Chapel Service

AUG **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

VS

“ *Martyn Hafley...Coach Hafley let his memories comfort your grief. For you, your mother, your family and friends of Coach. Victor Salazar and Strawn class of 1970*

Victor Salazar - August 22, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - August 21, 2025 at 04:23 PM

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“ *Douglas Baker lit a candle in memory of Don Hafley*



Douglas Baker - August 20, 2025 at 03:03 PM

MH

“ Marie, Susan, John, Karen & Ann Hashem purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Don Allen Hafley.



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**Marie, Susan, John, Karen & Ann Hashem** - August 19, 2025  
at 08:33 PM