



## George Franklin Riddle Jr.

November 19, 1932 - January 22, 2020

George Franklin Riddle, Jr., 87, of Mexia, TX, went to the eternal home his Lord Jesus has been preparing for him on January 22, 2020, after a long, active and blessed life and then a difficult battle with Parkinson's. A wonderful husband and father who put his family first, George was born November 19, 1932, in Davilla, Texas, to George Franklin Riddle, Sr., and Ellen Bice Riddle. When he entered high school down the road in Sharp, he met Sue Drummond, both of them freshmen in Mrs. Shelton's English class. George served on the U.S.S. Blair during the Korean War and married Sue one month after he returned. They had two daughters, Rebecca Ann and Rachel Ellen. George went to night school to earn a degree in accounting from the University of Houston and thoroughly enjoyed his accounting career, which culminated as the Business Manager and Assistant Superintendent at the Mexia State School. George and Sue were members of Temple Baptist Church in Mexia and treasure the many friends from their years in Mexia. After retirement George was busier than ever, spending half of his and Sue's time at their land near Rockdale, working with cattle and oil wells and maintaining the property. Ever helpful and industrious, George's first question during visits with his daughters was if there was anything they needed fixing around the house. George so enjoyed this life and remarked many times that he didn't want it to be over. He knew but could not comprehend the marvelous truth of this quote by C.S. Lewis: "There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind."

George was preceded in death by his father, George Riddle, Sr., mother, Ellen Hines, stepfather Bill Hines, and his sister, Frances Hargrove. George is survived by his wife of 66 years, Sue, daughter Rebecca Cox and her husband, Harvey, daughter Rachel Garrett and her husband, David, grandchildren Chance Cox, Christopher Cox, Hayden Cox, Madeline Gee and her husband, Brad Gee, and great-granddaughter, Landry Gee.

The family would like to thank Holly Ivy and Brandee Nichols, as well as so many others at Heartis in Waco who have blessed George and Sue with loving care. Jordan Davis provided faithful and loving hospice care to George and comforting counsel to Sue and the girls during scary times. Providence Hospice is staffed with absolute angels who comforted George and the family during the last week of George's life on earth.

In lieu of flowers, the family would be blessed by your donation to Community Healthcare of Texas (Providence Hospice) or Texas Home Health or any charity of your choosing.

There will be a graveside service to celebrate George's life and his graduation to be with the Lord on January 25, 2020, at 10:00am at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale, Texas. Arrangements by Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

I.O.O.F. Cemetery  
850 N. Main St.  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Tribute Wall

LJ

“ So sorry to hear about George. Praying for peace and comfort that only God can completely give. I remember all the times we saw Sue and George at Tamale Inn. Such a kind man. Linda and Dr. Tom Fox

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**Linda and Dr. Tom W. Fox, Jr.** - January 27, 2020 at 12:11 AM

GC

“ I am so thankful to God for putting George and Sue Riddle in my life many years ago. They were such a Blessing! We had many Bible Studies in their home when I was in college. Those Bible Studies were used by God in many lives.

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**Gayle (White) Coleman** - January 24, 2020 at 10:54 PM

BK

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Riddle's passing. He was such a precious man of God. He supported his gifted wife at all times and was a loving father to his fabulous daughters. I remember very well him opening his home for bible studies. Beth Bumpas Kerzee

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**Beth Bumpas Kerzee** - January 24, 2020 at 06:48 PM

RG

“ 1 file added to the album George Riddle



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**Rachel Garrett** - January 24, 2020 at 04:18 PM

BS

“ George Riddle was a fine man. I admired him so much. My love and prayers to Sue and the entire family.

Brenda Shoemake - January 24, 2020 at 12:49 PM

DR

Mr and Mrs Riddle were among some of the sweetest people I was ever blessed to know

Dorothea Narcisse Medlock x renter - January 24, 2020 at 09:55 PM

TH

“ On behalf of Providence Hospice/Community Healthcare of Texas, I would like to send condolences to the family and thanks in allowing us the privilege of taking care of Mr Riddle. Please allow us to lend support to you during your time of grief and don't hesitate to reach out to us if there is any way we can help you in this journey.

Tish Gaines - Providence Hospice - January 24, 2020 at 10:39 AM

SC

“ So sorry to hear this. Our prayers and hearts go out to all of you. We are out of town this weekend and feel terrible missing his service. Floye & T.F. loved you so much. Always heard such wonderful stories about your growing up years. Please know we love all of you and especially Floye and you are in our prayers daily. In Christian Love,  
Cliff & Suzanne Clark & Floye

Suzanne Clark - January 23, 2020 at 05:28 PM