



Gerald Dwayne Davenport

May 4, 1967 - November 22, 2022

Memorial Service for Gerald Dwayne Davenport, 55 of Rockdale will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 30th at First Baptist Church in Rockdale, with Pastors Donald Valenta and Matt Higginbotham officiating. Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m., until time of service, at First Baptist Church. Burial will be held at Salty Cemetery following the service.

Gerald Dwayne Davenport suddenly passed away Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at Baylor Scott & White Medical Center in Temple. He was a seven-year survivor of Leukemia. He conquered cancer, but continued to battle with serious medical issues in recent years. He showed great courage in facing life challenges with a smile despite his pain; Gerald came out a hero and stayed strong until the end.

Gerald was born on May 4, 1967, in Rockdale to Clarence, Jr. and Joan (Rawlins) Davenport.

He was a 1985 graduate of Milano High School.

Gerald learned at an early age the practice of a good work ethic. He worked alongside his mother and father, Clarence, Jr. and Joan in the family business “Davenport TV and Repair” where he learned many lifelong skills. The father and son team also operated “Davenport Wrecker Service” for many years.

Gerald's dream was to work with big trucks and equipment. This dream was finally realized when he started his own business in 2001, "Davenport Sand and Gravel." He built up his business with the help of Gene Jones who showed him the ropes of the sand and gravel business.

As a young man growing up in Milano, he enjoyed hunting and fishing with his dad. An avid mechanic, he enjoyed working on restoring trucks and cars and in turn he became the master mechanic and had the ability to trouble shoot and fix anything that had a motor or engine.

Gerald was blessed with a loving family. He married Vivian Blane Smith on March 19, 1988 at Black Jack Baptist Church. Gerald helped raise three sons with patience, discipline and humility. He taught them good work ethic and passing on his knowledge and life skills. He enjoyed working closely with his two oldest sons, Geritt and Joshua in helping them build their own businesses and passing on the spirit of entrepreneurship. When Gerald was not working hard, he enjoyed barbecuing for a variety of family events. He truly valued the opportunity to watch all his sons participate in local sports and music events as they grew up.

Gerald was a loving and devoted husband and father to his wife and three sons. He was kind and soft spoken, and always had time to help others with whatever they needed. He will be dearly missed by his loved ones, who celebrate that he is at peace with his creator.

Gerald is survived by his wife of 34 years, Vivian of Rockdale and his three sons Geritt Davenport of Denton, Joshua Davenport of Rockdale and Jayden Davenport of Rockdale. His parents Clarence, Jr. and Joan Davenport of Milano and his sister Cindy Whitmore of Milano. He is also survived by his nephews David Jones of Bryan, Dalton Smith of Temple and Noah Smith of

Uvalde, Wyatt Smith of Thorndale and nieces Carol McElwrath of Rockdale, Kay Kay Lineweaver of Clyde, and Victoria Smith of Thorndale.

He is preceded in death by, his son Dwayne Vance Davenport, grandparents Clarence Sr. and Iva Mae Davenport, Bessie Jackson, G.J. Rawlins and brother-in-law Robert Whitmore.

Serving as pallbearers are his sons Geritt, Joshua, and Jayden Davenport; his nephews David Jones, Dalton and Noah Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Salty Cemetery Association, c/o Rebecca McWilliams, 230 County Road 447, Thorndale, Texas 76577, Milam County Touch of Love, P.O. Box 543, Cameron, Texas 76520, Black Jack Volunteer Fire Department, 11341 FM 908 South, Rockdale, Texas 76567.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Rockdale
240 Green Street
Rockdale, TX 76567

Church Service

NOV 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Rockdale
240 Green Street
Rockdale, TX 76567

Burial

NOV 30 (CT)

Salty Cemetery
4019 County Road 446
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Our sincere condolences. What an awesome man. Heaven gained a Special Angel. Sheila and Charles Wadlington*



Sheila Wadlington - November 30, 2022 at 10:15 PM

SD

“ *Les and I are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Sue Davenport - November 29, 2022 at 05:29 PM

GB

Bob and I are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Geri Burnett - November 30, 2022 at 11:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald Dewayne Davenport.*



November 29, 2022 at 07:46 AM

MF

“ Always a kind-hearted individual and trustworthy! His wisdom was always valued and we watched his family mature over the years! You did great Big Guy! Rest easy now. Fontana & Vasquez Ranches

Michael Fontana - November 29, 2022 at 07:33 AM

MF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael Fontana - November 29, 2022 at 07:25 AM

JD

“ Vivian, I just wanted you to know that I'm thinking about and praying for you and your family. Lean on the Lord in the days ahead and He will help you through those difficult days. Sending a hug!

Judy Tucker Dyer

Judy Dyer - November 28, 2022 at 08:18 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gerald Dewayne Davenport.



November 28, 2022 at 04:12 PM

LB

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Gerald was a great friend & classmate & I will always remember the great times we had. God bless!!!*

Lynn Barnett - November 25, 2022 at 01:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Dewayne Davenport.*



November 23, 2022 at 10:29 PM