



Howard John Thies

June 11, 1928 - December 10, 2022

Funeral services for Howard Thies, 94 of Pin Oak, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pin Oak with Father Miguel Duarte officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Howard John Thies was born on June 11, 1928 in Chicago, Illinois to Paul and Willette (Earnhart) Thies. He grew up in Illinois before moving to Houston when he was seventeen years old. He graduated from Reagan High School in Houston and received his Associate Degree from the University of Houston. Howard joined the United States Army on October 4, 1950 and served during the Korean Conflict before receiving his Honorable Discharge on October 4, 1952 having obtained the rank of Private First Class.

On June 30, 1956, he was united in marriage to Rose Marie Richter at St. Margaret Catholic Church in Giddings. They were blessed with five children, Annette, Marian, Sharon, John, and Karen.

Howard worked for Texaco in Houston for nearly 40 years, during which time he also registered three separate patents. After retiring, he and Rose moved to the Pin Oak community in the 1990's. In his retirement, Howard enjoyed working the land and developing inventions which made country living all the more fun! He was always happy to share in his awe of God's creation with his children and grandchildren. It was apparent, family was a top priority for him

throughout his life.

Howard was a lifelong Catholic. During the last 27 years, he and Rose were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pin Oak. He completed many maintenance projects at the church and was always willing to do whatever needed to be done, including refinishing nearly every pew in the sanctuary. Howard was mechanically gifted and spent many hours working on cars and knew everything about them. He had a deep love for history, especially the World War II era. Avid dancers, Howard and Rose were members of the Polka Lovers Club of America for over 25 years. More than anything, he enjoyed the time he was able to spend with his family, especially the past sixty-six years with his beloved wife, Rose.

Howard passed away peacefully in the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, during the early morning hours of Saturday, December 10, 2022 in Sugar Land, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Annette Rose Thies; one son-in-law, Randall Smith; two brothers, Lowell Thies and Morris Thies, and one sister, Joan Reding.

Howard is survived by his wife of 66 years (Rose Marie Thies of Smithville), four children (Marian Smith of New Braunfels, Sharon Morrison & her husband, Bob of Loveland, Colorado, John Thies & his wife, Pamala of Tiki Island, and Karen Davis & her fiancé, Dale Antry of Fulshear), eight grandchildren (Miranda Smith of New Braunfels, Stephanie Gray & her husband, Peter of Denver, Colorado, Alexa Morrison of Denver, Colorado, Janielle Ferraro & her husband, Chris of Denver, Colorado, Jason Thies & his wife, Katelyn of Galveston, Jarek Thies of New Hampshire, Kristen Marroquin & her husband, Rudy of Pflugerville, and Hunter Davis & his wife, Chelsea of Cypress), four great grandchildren (Van Howard Thies and Charlotte Mae

Thies both of Galveston and Jax Marroquin and Dallas Marroquin both of Pflugerville), two sisters (Sister Marion Grace Thies of Houston and Ruth Herlihy of Porter), one sister-in-law, (Marolyn Thies of Nacogdoches), as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pin Oak, Texas or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery- Pin Oak

732 FM 2104
Smithville, TX 78957

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Pin Oak
732 FM 2104
Smithville, TX 78957

Tribute Wall



“ *Rose and family, my deepest sympathy and prayers for you at the loss of your husband and father.* ”

OLLIE SIEGELER - December 15, 2022 at 10:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Howard John Thies.* ”



December 14, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard John Thies.* ”



December 13, 2022 at 04:18 PM



“ *Jim Mitchell Family & Roger Friar Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Howard John Thies.* ”



Jim Mitchell Family & Roger Friar Family - December 13, 2022 at 12:41 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard John Thies.*



December 13, 2022 at 09:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard John Thies.*



December 12, 2022 at 05:25 PM



“ *Love, Mike, Kim and Mark Millette purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Howard John Thies.*



Love, Mike, Kim and Mark Millette - December 12, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Howard John Thies.*



December 12, 2022 at 03:55 PM