



Richard "Dick" Thomas Boswell

March 23, 1924 - February 17, 2016

Funeral services for Richard "Dick" Boswell, 91, of Giddings, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings with Tim Pitts officiating. Burial, with military honors provided by the Giddings American Legion Post 276, will immediately follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 19, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings.

Richard Thomas (Dick) Boswell was born March 23, 1924 outside Lexington, Texas in the Tanglewood area of Lee County to Thomas and Elsie Gay Boswell. His family owned a farm which he worked along with his other siblings as well as helping neighbors with theirs. As a young boy he cut his teeth and ideals during the Great Depression. After attending grade schools in the county, he graduated from Lexington High School in 1941 having played football, basketball, baseball and winning a district tennis championship.

Richard volunteered for the United States Navy in 1942 and served four years during World War II during which he made regular runs across the Atlantic as a First Class Seaman and signalman on Merchant Marine vessels. A later excursion into the Pacific resulted in a trip which circumnavigated the globe. After his discharge in 1945 he attended Blinn College in Brenham. He moved to Austin, where in 1948 he completed barber college. Hence moving to

Giddings, he started barbering at Fred Placke's Barber Shop. That same year on July 4, 1948 he married Doris Hoffman. He continued barbering throughout town while his wife Doris worked at Bluebonnet Electric Coop. They were a mainstay through the 1950's at all the events of dancing, baseball and rodeo. They had a son, Richard Glenn Boswell on June 16, 1961. In 1969 they moved to the country home and land he purchased just outside of town. He owned and operated his own barber shop until 1976, after which he managed the Giddings City Park and later operated his own oil field construction company until 1985.

During his lifetime in Giddings he was a charter member of the Rotary Club and Lee County Sheriff's Posse. He was an active participant and president of Community League Baseball. In the mid 70's he was president of the local chapter of Little League Baseball and was instrumental in initiating their charter and affiliation with the national association. Through the years an avid fisherman and domino player, Dick was someone you could always see around town.

He passed away the evening of Wednesday, February 17, 2016 in Austin, Texas.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents Thomas Boswell and Elsie Gay Boswell; brothers, Gay, Gary, Barney, Barkley, George and sisters, Estelle Peebles and Shirley Copeland.

He is survived by his wife, Doris of 67 years; son, Rick and wife, Christine Boswell of Lakeway, Texas and grandchildren, Richard Edward Boswell and Christina Ingrid Boswell of Lakeway, Texas. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews including those serving as pallbearers: sons of his brother Gary, Glenn Boswell and Cecil Boswell, sons of his brother George, George Boswell and John Boswell, and son of his sister Estelle, John

Peebles. The other pallbearers are grandson, Richard Boswell and gentleman, Mike Phillips.

To all the people Dick encountered in his almost 92 years and especially the people of Giddings and Lee County, he felt, as the saying goes, “The Lord may not have intended for us to be rich, and the Lord may not have intended for us to be famous, but I’m sure glad he intended for us to be friends”.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section H)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Dick" Thomas Boswell*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 18, 2016 at 07:33 PM

JN

“ *Doris, Sincerest sympathy and thoughts are with you and your family. Dick gave all three of my boys their first haircuts.*
Jo Ann Mgebhoff Nelson



Jo Ann Nelson - February 20, 2016 at 10:36 AM

AG

“ *Alice And Ernie Goerlitz lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Thomas Boswell*



Alice and Ernie Goerlitz - February 20, 2016 at 07:04 AM

AG

Our Deepest Sympathy to Doris and the Family. Always enjoyed our little visits. he will be missed!

Alice and Ernie Goerlitz - February 20, 2016 at 07:10 AM

LA

“ Dear Doris and Family, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. What a loving wife you have been all these years. I am so sorry that for health reasons I cannot come give you a hug. I remember being a Jr. Bridesmaid in your wedding...I felt so grown up! May God send each of you His comfort. Love, Lavonne Morrow

lavonne - February 19, 2016 at 11:20 PM

BK

“ Got a many haircut from "Dick" back in the 60's,, Thad Sr. worked across the street at Charlie Fields car lot, I was just a kid, but I still remember everyone laughing at all the jokes and lies that were told, many a good memory. Thad Sr., Arville Young, Jack Crisjohnson, and others that hung around there often.

Bob Knittel

BOB Knittel - February 19, 2016 at 03:15 PM

JB

“ *Richard Thomas Boswell, the namesake of my husband. I had the opportunity to meet him several years ago and was delighted by his presence. When I see the photos today, I can with clarity, see that it was appropriate for him to be the namesake.*

Traveling this road of loss is difficult and we can never be prepared for what it brings and what it leaves with us. It will forever change our lives We can't run from it so I would encourage those who have been closest to him to embrace it and allow it to bring joy to your life.

The book of Joshua begins with the funeral of Moses and brings on to the scene Joshua who has been with his dear friend for a very long time. God promised Joshua that He would remain with him as He had been with Moses. ". . .I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage." I have found courage, rest, and peace in these words. I would especially say to Doris, rest in the Lord and find peace dear lady during this time of such deep and strong grief. Your life will be forever changed but the Lord will not. He will remain your comfort. Please know that I will be in prayer daily for you while you travel on this new journey.

Janice A. Boswell

Janice A. Boswell - February 19, 2016 at 02:42 PM

RB

“ *My sympathies and thoughts are with the family. Although inevitable, this transition is always difficult. I first met my great uncle at the funeral of my grandfather, his brother Gay, in San Antonio. It was impressionable: standing there among his other siblings who were present, he was introduced as "this is your father's namesake", which made him a giant in my eyes. I've never forgotten that moment.*

Richard S. Boswell - February 19, 2016 at 10:00 AM

CB

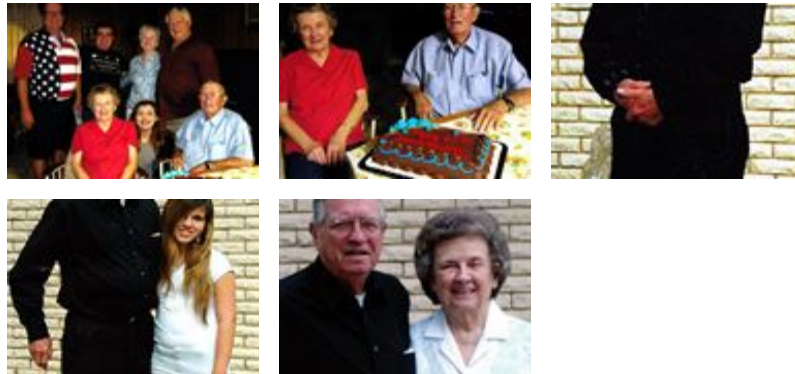
“ We send our deepest condolences and sympathies to the family members and friends of Dick Boswell. He was a strong leader in the Lee county and contributed a great deal to the community and to his country.

Carey & Ruthie Boethel

Carey Boethel - February 19, 2016 at 08:13 AM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 18, 2016 at 07:16 PM

GB

“ We have precious memories of camping out with Dick and Doris spending time fishing, eating and drinking campfire coffee while sitting by a warm campfire at Lake Somerville. Dick could always tell a good story! We will miss him!

Love, Glenn Aubrey and Jackie Boswell

Glenn and Jackie Boswell - February 18, 2016 at 06:51 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Thomas Boswell.*



February 18, 2016 at 04:31 PM



“ *Deepest sympathies to Doris and family. I have many fond memories of Dick. God's speed and lots of love to you all.*



Becky Cowan Grimm - February 18, 2016 at 01:37 PM



“ *Avis Proske lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Thomas Boswell*



Avis Proske - February 18, 2016 at 12:56 PM