



Roger C. Thompson

January 27, 1947 - February 15, 2026

Roger C. Thompson, 79, of Giddings, Texas, passed away on February 15, 2026, at his home alongside his beloved wife, Joyce Thompson. He was born on January 27, 1947, in San Antonio, Texas, where he grew up and laid the foundation for a life defined by curiosity, generosity, and an irrepressible sense of humor.

Roger was a graduate of Thomas A. Edison High School in San Antonio, attended San Antonio College, and went on to earn his degree from Texas A&M University, Class of 1970. Those who knew him were never surprised — Roger had the kind of mind that didn't stop working. He went on to build a distinguished career spanning chemistry, technology, and computer programming, working with Amoco, Getronics, and ImcoServices, among others. Colleagues across refineries and chemical plants up and down the East Coast knew him simply as “the Professor” — a nickname earned by his technical knowledge and his readiness to solve any problem. If you asked Roger to write a program to help with a task, it would often be waiting for you the next morning, and friends half-joked they weren't sure he ever slept.

But Roger was far more than his credentials. He was a man who loved deeply and lived fully — and that included his cats, who were his constant companions and beloved members of the household. He roasted his own coffee and even designed his own coffee roasters, savored oysters from

Gilhooley's, enjoyed a fine Macallan Scotch, and in earlier years could often be found on a Saturday morning at his favorite cigar shop, smoking fresh, hand-rolled cigars with one of his closest friends. He loved Mexican food, had an eclectic taste in music, and in more recent years looked forward to monthly breakfasts in Austin with a group of men he'd grown to treasure — an introduction made by one of his closest friends from high school. He also loved skydiving and was planning a trip with his grandson, daughters, and cousins in June. He loved to tinker, would help anyone who asked, and would make you laugh while he did it.

In 2005, Roger married Joyce Thompson, and together they made their home on 20 beautiful acres in Giddings, Texas. He put his CAD skills to work designing their dock at the tank, a bridge over the creek, goat pens, and — in true Roger fashion — a fort and trebuchet that launched tennis balls at it for his grandson's visits. Anyone who visited knew the approach: a long driveway lined with cedar trees, each one bearing a hand-posted sign with a wry observation about life. "Who says nothing is impossible? I've been doing nothing for years." "Walkers can walk the field for free. However, the bull charges." Those signs told you exactly who lived at the end of that road — a couple who found humor in everything and wanted to share it with anyone passing by.

Roger went skydiving once, at 72 years old — and never stopped talking about it. At 79, he was still planning a group jump for June that would have included his grandson, daughters, and his cousins. He was always looking forward and trying to bring the people he loved along for the ride.

Roger is survived by his daughter Jacque Thompson and her husband Sean Conn, and their children Michael, Amber, Jeremiah, and Patrick; his daughter Laura Thompson Janick and her husband John, and their children Zachary and Alexander; and his stepdaughter Cathy Digges and her husband Marco,

with whom Roger shared a close bond. He is also survived by extended family and a wide circle of friends whose lives he touched in ways large and small.

Roger and his wife Joyce passed together at their home on February 15, 2026. He will be laid to rest in Devine, Texas, alongside his late wife Katherine Thompson at a later date.

A memorial service for Roger Thompson, 79, and Joyce Thompson, 76, both of Giddings, Texas, is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2026, at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings with Tim Pitts officiating.

For those desiring to make memorial contributions, the family recommends making donations in memory of Roger and Joyce to Camp Tejas, 1038 Private Road 2191, Giddings, Texas 78942.

He will be deeply missed.

Cemetery Details

Devine Evergreen Cemetery

Colonial Parkway
Devine, TX 78016

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 27. 12:30 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger C. Thompson*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 26 at 06:00 PM

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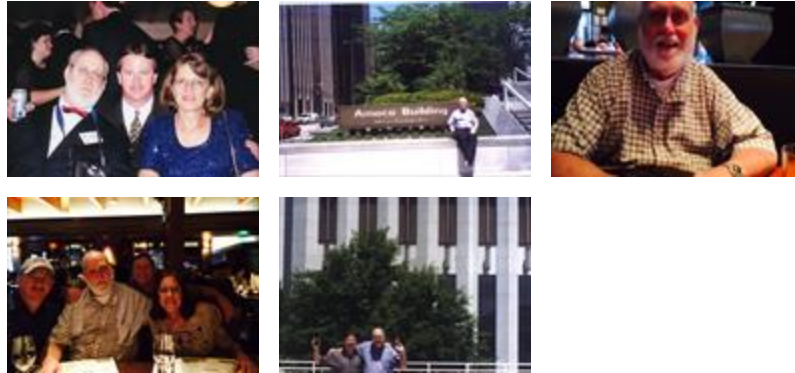
“ *What a kind and gentle man Roger was, and one smart SOB, that I'm sure all of us, will never forget! I first met Roger in 1995, we worked together on an Amoco Chemicals acquisition project, and this man has been an absolute godsend, for every project we worked on together, ever since. The world lost one of the greats.....*



Todd Lecus - February 27 at 09:23 AM

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“ 5 files added to the album Roger Amoco/BP



Todd Lecus - February 27 at 08:08 AM

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“ Angel Wingard with Republic Services planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger C. Thompson.

Angel Wingard with Republic Services - February 26 at 10:46 PM

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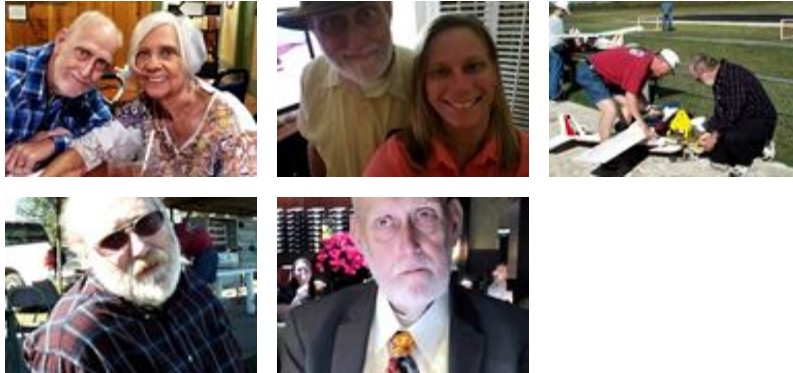
“ Angel Wingard with Republic Services purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roger C. Thompson.



Angel Wingard with Republic Services - February 26 at 10:46 PM



“ 230 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 26 at 05:44 PM

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“ Roger was one of the most brilliant people I've ever known. He had a quality that I find exists in many gifted people and that is humility. He never talked down to anyone, even if they had what must have sounded like silly questions. I always had a lot of those. We worked on big projects at the chemical plant in Texas City and I learned so much in those days that helped me in my career and in my life. I was really sorry to hear of Roger's passing and wish all the best for his family.

Bill Cope - February 26 at 11:30 AM

BE

“ I had the pleasure of working and traveling with Roger for several years during his time in Atlanta with Amoco. Beyond being a colleague, he was a dear friend and a mentor who taught me so much as we navigated challenging situations together. Roger was a truly special person, and he will be deeply missed by everyone fortunate enough to have known him. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Bob Ely - February 25 at 07:02 PM

EF

“ Worked with Roger a number of years at Amoco/BP/Gentronics. A friend, colleague, and educator. Knew Roger before he knew me from his appearances on the local PBS station speaking to the technology of the day. He will be missed. Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss.

Ed Fortner - February 25 at 02:43 PM

MH

“ Roger and I worked together at Amoco and had stayed in touch after that. He was a great guy and will be missed greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Melvin Hancock - February 25 at 10:31 AM

BD

“ So sorry about the tragic loss of Roger. I knew him from Amoco/BP. He knew how to enjoy life and make everyone around him smile. He found his soulmate in Joyce. Thoughts and prayers for the family for peace and comfort.

Barbette Driver - February 24 at 02:04 PM