



Theodore Roosevelt Gregory

April 12, 1931 - January 31, 2021

“May the work I’ve done speak for me.”

Graveside services for Theodore Gregory, 89 of Dime Box, will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, February 12, 2021 at the Humphrey Family Cemetery in Dime Box. Visitation will be held Thursday, February 11, 2021 from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm and Friday, February 12, 2021 from 7:00 am until 12:00 pm at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Thursday evening from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal.” On Sunday, January 31, 2021, the Master said to Theodore, “Come unto me and I will give you rest.”

Theodore began his life’s journey April 12, 1931. He is the third child born to Judge and Mary Gregory. Theodore grew up in a loving, Christian home. He lived a quiet life, a sensitive spirit. He often enjoyed coffee and conversating with friends at his restaurant’s office.

Theodore attended elementary school at Fair View, walking miles to get to school sometimes riding on a horse with his siblings to ford the creek during the rainy season led by his father. He also had a bike. Education was an important factor in his life. He also attended school at Sweet Home in the

Sweet Home Community, Coleman High School in Coleman, Texas, and Prairie View A&M College in Prairie View, Texas majoring in agriculture.

He enlisted in the United States Air Force and shortly was sent draft papers for the Army, but he remained in the Air Force. In 1952, His dad took him to Caldwell to catch the train to San Francisco where he boarded a ship to Japan. He was sent to Lebanon and the plane they were in almost crashed into the ocean. He could see the waves as they were pulling out their tools. Theodore served in numerous capacities and locations. He served at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas where he was responsible for supporting the runway lights, Carswell Air Force Base in Lake Worth, Texas, and Shepherd Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. Theodore attended missile school at Denver Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado and was deployed to Japan due to his expertise in lighting.

Theodore served two tours in Vietnam and Korea. Upon completing his first tour in Vietnam, he was assigned to March Air Force Base in Riverside, California. During his tour, he was the first black (soldier of color) to integrate the barracks. He was able to see Robert F. Kennedy as his motorcade passed by his home in Riverside. He volunteered for a second tour in Vietnam and received an award for re-wiring the runway lights on top of the ground as the French had previously run the lights underground. In 1968, he had survivor's remorse and had to live in the village with the Vietcong. Fifteen minutes after leaving the barracks, the barracks were hit and fifteen soldiers of his group were killed. He was stationed at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, Texas for his last tour. He received his honorable discharge after serving in Korea and Vietnam. Theodore retired as Technical Sergeant in 1972 after 20 years of service.

After retiring from the Air Force, Theodore was self-employed. He put the first restrooms and bathrooms in residential houses in Lee County for African

American residents. He then attended classes at Texas A&M University and received his certification for water testing. He went to work for Lee County Water Supply and Management until he retired. Theodore also owned and operated Ted's Restaurant, Club 141, and the Bait House on FM 430 in Dime Box, Texas. He was also a cattleman, contractor, and a great role model.

Theodore was united in holy matrimony to Alene Irving. To this union five children were born. He later married Velma Parker, and to this union no children were born.

He was baptized at an early age at Sandy Point AME Church in Dime Box (Beat 5), Texas. Despite frequent moves while in the Air Force, his faith was unwavering. He loved the Lord.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Judge Roosevelt Gregory and Mary Humphrey Gregory; one brother, William Penn Gregory Sr.; two sisters, Rosie Mae Gregory Punchard and Delores Boosie.

Theodore leaves to cherish his memory his daughter, Terry Ann Gregory of Denver, Colorado; four sons, Terence Gregory, Rickey Gregory, Curran D. Gregory, and Kevin Gregory all of Dime Box, and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

Memorials may be made to Sandy Point AME Church, 3476 County Road 430, Dime Box, Texas 77853 or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Humphrey Family Cemetery

3468 County Road 430
Dime Box, TX 77853

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Present for Visitation

FEB 11. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Visitation

FEB 12. 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

FEB 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Humphrey Family Cemetery
3468 County Road 430
Dime Box, TX 77853

Tribute Wall

MS

“ I’ve always known him as Mr. Ted. He helped my family a lot when we first came into town. I remember sharing one of those yellow watermelons from his garden, him and my family. I remember walking around his place while him and my dad talked, wondering if he would ever take that Buick Riviera out for a drive. I guess he only drove it once in a while. He was a great example of hard work and always busy. For that, I thank him! I will pray for family and close friends at this time!

Modesto Liscano “Jaime’s Son” - February 12, 2021 at 07:37 AM

AC

“ In this time of remembrance and reflection, may you find comfort in shared memories and strength in fellowship. We pray that God will be with you.

*With deepest sympathy,
Annie Chandler and Family*

Annie Chandler - February 11, 2021 at 11:54 AM

LS

“ Theodore was a good guy. I had the opportunity to work for him at the restaurant. May God strengthen the family knowing they have our condolences on behalf of Tender Mercy Ministries.

Lovetta Smith - February 10, 2021 at 07:43 AM

LS

“ Lovetta Smith lit a candle in memory of Theodore Roosevelt Gregory



Lovetta Smith - February 10, 2021 at 07:41 AM

BT

“ We would like to express our sincere sympathy during this difficult time . We pray that our God will grant you comfort and peace. Trust in the Lord with all your hearts knowing He will provide comfort.

Byron Keith and Bobretta Taylor & Mrs. Zettie B. Cox

Byron Keith Taylor - February 09, 2021 at 09:32 PM

HC

“ We send our condolences with love. Howard & Añnell Coleman



Howard Coleman - February 09, 2021 at 07:17 PM

ED

“ Y'all in our prayers

eric Davis - February 09, 2021 at 06:42 PM

ES

“ *Condolences & prayers to the Gregory family.*



Earselen SamsHarris - February 09, 2021 at 05:47 PM

AA

“ *My heart goes out to the family in this time of need. May time ease the loss but forever reminded in your memories of such a great man. It is time for a wonderful celebration of his life! May God have him in the highest Glory in His gates of Heaven!*

Alexandra Amann - February 09, 2021 at 05:33 PM

CM

“ *To the family, I offer my deepest condolences. I further pray that God bless you all with his grace and mercy, while providing his beloved family and friends with the comfort, peace, and understanding that you stand in need of at this very difficult time! Sending love.*

Cathy Bell Moore - February 09, 2021 at 04:39 PM

YH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Yvonne Holloway-Cunningham - February 09, 2021 at 01:27 PM

CA

“ *Christene Anderson lit a candle in memory of Theodore Roosevelt Gregory*



Christene Anderson - February 09, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



ShaShon ShaShon - February 09, 2021 at 12:43 PM

CA

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Christene Anderson - February 09, 2021 at 11:01 AM

LT

“ *Libbie Tobola lit a candle in memory of Theodore Roosevelt Gregory*



Libbie Tobola - February 08, 2021 at 09:06 PM