



## Tommy Joe Wetterman

May 12, 1943 - December 8, 2020

Tommy Joe Wetterman was born on May 12, 1943, and God called him home on December 8, 2020. He accepted Christ as his Savior at a very early age and lived his entire life for Him. He was a good, caring, sweet man who always saw the good in everyone, and he loved everyone.

Tom worked as a diesel mechanic, police officer, and in information technology. He was self-taught in computer programming and had a successful career. He was employed by Lufkin Telephone Exchange and was the Data Processing Manager there for many years. His last position, before retirement, was as Information Technology Manager at Gooseneck Trailer in Bryan.

He could fix or repair almost anything mechanical, in construction or electrical, make furniture, clocks, and could even sew clothes. He was the center of our family and we depended on him for everything. His word was his bond.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ed and Louise Wolfe Wetterman, a brother, B. L. (Bobby) Wetterman, and sister, Anita Miller, father and mother-in-law, Leslie and Maurine Marshall Lowe, and brother-in-law, L. D. (Les) Lowe. He is survived by his wife of 57 plus years, Betty Wetterman, son, Ed Wetterman (Tracey), daughters, Stephanie Wetterman, Samantha Wetterman, Charlotte Ann Horelica, and his brother James Wetterman (Mary), brother-in-law Hugh Miller, sister-in-law Helen Lowe and sister-in-law, Annie Wetterman. He was so proud of his grandchildren, David Wetterman (Maegan), Kevin Wetterman, Kayla Wetterman Horelica, Jennifer Horelica, Melissa Pimm, two

great grandchildren, and many loving nieces and nephews. They will all miss their Poppy Tom.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Harmony Baptist Church on SH 36 N, 8 miles from Caldwell, Texas. Per Tom's wishes he will be cremated and a graveside service for interment of his ashes will be held at a later date. Due to Tom's love of others, in lieu of flowers, please consider giving to Impact Burleson County.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Harmony Baptist Church  
6670 TX-36, Caldwell, TX 77836  
Caldwell, TX 77836

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ed, Tracey, David and Kevin - I am so sorry for your loss. I hope these memories we share will bring a small measure of comfort. Most of my memories of your Dad go back to when we were in high school and he and your mom opened their home to us, your friends. They were always welcoming and friendly. My favorite memory of those times is of him getting up early to make all of us pancakes for breakfast. My deepest sympathies and wishes for peace to you and your mom.

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**Lorie Foux** - December 18, 2020 at 09:06 AM

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“ I have many fond memories of Mr. Wetterman back when Eddie and I were in high school. You hosted many theater cast parties at your house. I loved them all. He was a great man.

*Mark Shapiro*

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**Mark Shapiro** - December 15, 2020 at 09:32 PM

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“ So many fun and comfortable memories of this man who continually welcomed me into his home without question. He and Betty hosted so many gatherings of our friends during high school and after, always willing to share his roof, his food, his wry laugh, and and fatherly warmth. He made me always feel at home during those days, and I hope his family find peace in his passing.

*Cliff Maxwell*

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**Cliff Maxwell** - December 15, 2020 at 03:59 PM

BS

“ *Sorry for your loss.* ”

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**Becky Springer** - December 14, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ *Eloise Cass lit a candle in memory of Tommy Joe Wetterman* ”



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**Eloise Cass** - December 12, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ I was so lucky to have Tommy as my father. I remember him taking me hunting, fishing, camping, teaching me baseball. In the age of Happy Days, he took me on the back of his motorcycle to Kindergarten and I was the coolest kid, because I had a motorcycle helmet. When I got older we rode dirt bikes together and did some crazy stunts with them. We won a bass tournament trophy together in a father and son trip. He taught me the old fashioned ideas that I still follow, like a man's word is his bond, don't say something if you don't mean it, and most importantly he taught me what a father is supposed to be in a time where fatherhood and parenting are getting rather slack. He took a belt to me a few times and I deserved it and I learned that there are parameters and right and wrong in life. He taught me that love is a STRONG emotion, but more importantly it is a strong verb. It is an action. He attended every baseball, football, and theater event I was involved in. He was my assistant scout master when I was a child, and we were assistants together for David and Kevin. He was my assistant coach, when I coached David's T-Ball team the Mudcats. He taught me to catfish, make chum and our own bait. My favorite memories are just sitting quietly on our bass boat all day fishing together. There was nothing he couldn't fix. I could always call him and ask any question about my car, my house, carpentry, electrical issues, you name it. He knew how to do it all. He loved and accepted my friends and taught me to never judge someone by the color of their skin or their culture or religion, but by what each person does. He knew what was right and he didn't cross that line. He should have been a sheriff in the old west. He would have been perfect for it. He once used his brand new car to stop a car thief from stealing a stranger's car, then fought the guy, taking a knife from him and keeping him there until the police arrived. He taught himself to program computers and was great at it. No one is perfect and his only fault was his German stubbornness. No one could do it as well as he could, and most times he was right. He was a perfect grandparent to my boys and he doted on all the grandkids. He loved people. He volunteered to sing and visit folks in the homes, and served as a leader in his church as a Deacon. We had many great conversations about life, God, and

*more, but his favorite things were his marriage to my mother, his grandkids, and his land, hunting, camping, and fishing.*

*Most important thing he taught me through his actions, was how to love and respect your wife. That marriage is meant to be a life-long bond and is sacred.*

*Proverbs teaches and my father was a great example:*

*Train up a child in the way he should go,  
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

*He who walks in integrity walks securely,  
But he who perverts his ways will be found out*

*He who restrains his words has knowledge,  
And he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.*

*See you at the Table, Dad.*

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**Ed Wetterman** - December 11, 2020 at 03:55 PM