



Clifton "Clif" Sikes

April 16, 1958 - October 25, 2025

Clifton Clarence Sikes, of Corsicana, passed away October 25, 2025, at the age of 67. He was born in Pasadena, California on April 16, 1958, to Clarence and Beatrice Sikes. He and his family eventually moved to Texas. In 1969, he was in a farm accident, that severed his left foot and did some damage to his back. Bill Roughton drove him in the ambulance to the hospital in Corsicana, and Dr. Scott Middleton was there, and was able to perform an "experimental" surgery on him (That saved Clif's foot). Dr. Middleton had recently returned from Vietnam, where he used that same surgery procedure on some of the troops. The surgery was written up in the medical journals.

Clifton graduated from Corsicana High School in 1976, and went on to Navarro College and Tarleton State University, earning a Bachelors and Masters Degree in History. In 1982, he married Paula (Crawford) Sikes, and they were blessed to be together 43 years (June 12).

He counted it a blessing to be able to volunteer for The Texas Baptist Men, working asset protection for them on numerous occasions following hurricanes and tornados various places in Texas. He was a high school teacher in Blooming Grove for 32 years, teaching Government, History, and Economics. He organized Project Graduation there for many years; to provide a safe "after-graduation" celebration He truly loved teaching and loved his students. He especially enjoyed when his former students were able to get

back in touch with him and catch him up on how they were doing. He loved guns, mustangs, and traveling. He and his wife (along with their daughter Allison in many cases) took numerous trips to Europe and were privileged to travel to all 50 states. He was a member of Central Baptist Church of Blooming Grove and helped with the safety team there.

For the last two years, he had been a resident at Village of Heritage Oaks. The family wishes to thank the staff there, for the kindness and wonderful care they provided.

Clifton is survived by his wife, Paula, of Corsicana, daughter and son-in-law Allison (Sikes) Albach and Shawn, sister and brother-in-law Karen and Jim Moore, sister Ginger Sikes, nephew, Clinton Sikes and Kim Petty, Michael Crawford and Brittany Wadsworth, nieces, Leyla Norman and her husband Chris, Rhonda Freeland and Brandon Dowd, Crystal Joles and Jason Crocker, several great nieces and nephews, several cousins, one uncle, Ernest Sikes, and one aunt, Joy Kastler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Delight Sikes, in-laws Leon and Mary Crawford, both sets of grandparents and numerous aunts and uncles.

The visitation will be held at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, from 5-7pm, and the services will be Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 10:30am.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
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Celebration of Life

OCT **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NM

“*Mr. Sikes gave so much to so many lives & he had such a significant & positive impact on my life for sure. Students loved & benefited from the immense knowledge that boomed throughout his BGISD classroom & I was definitely one of them. He made the stories & people from history come alive & he not only challenged us to do things like completely memorize The Bill of Rights verbatim (we really did that?!) but passionately impressed upon us the importance of the words. He cared enough to go further than that though. He offered us so much more. What I remember the most was the world culture & travel posters on his walls, stories he told, & his emphatic message to go explore the world because "there's so much more out there than just Blooming Grove, Texas, man," as he put it. I've sometimes wondered if I'd have had the guts & confidence in my ideas to do so...had it not been for the straight-forward, no B.S. encouragement from Mr. Sikes. His moral support & urging of me to pursue what I was capable of & what I dreamed of during my last couple years of high school was pivotal & he instilled in me one area that I could lean into & build upon...a love of history & culture that influenced my career & lifestyle. Thank you to the powerful, wonderful spirit of Mr. Sikes that will always live on through the ripple effects he began years ago.💖*

Natosha M - November 11, 2025 at 07:58 PM

JO

“*Mr. Sikes embodied what a professional educator should be. In my education from preschool to graduate school (at Tarleton State), Mr. Sikes still stands out as someone whose lessons at BGHS were memorable and meaningful. He cared about what he did, and it showed, and I am a better person for having learned from him. Rest in peace, good sir. Prayers of strength and mercy for the family, especially Paula and Allison*

Jason Owen - October 28, 2025 at 11:52 PM

AL

Thank you so much!

Allison - October 29, 2025 at 12:02 PM

JH

“ *Mr. Sikes was my favorite teacher when I went to BG. He always made the subject fun to listen to, even if it wasn't. I kept in touch with him a few years after I graduated. He was a good man and a great teacher. He will be missed.*



Jeff H. - October 28, 2025 at 09:21 PM

AP

“ *Praying for you, dear family during this very difficult time, but we're happy and we're sad. Happy because he's with Jesus and the rest of the family sad because he will not be with you all anymore. He's sitting at the feet of Jesus, but we will pray for you in the days and weeks ahead
In my thoughts and prayers
Angela*



Angela D Padilla - October 28, 2025 at 12:53 PM

DR

“ *We are so sorry for your loss Paula and Allison. Debi and Mark Robinson*

Debi Robinson - October 28, 2025 at 11:57 AM

PK

“ Prayers and thought with your family. My own children really liked Cliff while attending Blooming Grove



Pat kelly - October 28, 2025 at 08:51 AM

AS

“ Allison Sikes lit a candle in memory of Clifton "Clif" Sikes



Allison Sikes - October 27, 2025 at 11:30 PM

MM

“ Paula and family-
Mark and I are so sorry for your loss. We loved Clif and your family. Mark has been sharing some funny times and good times he had with Clif through the years. Our heartfelt sympathies are with you.

Love,
Mark and Michaelann Miller

Michaelann Miller - October 27, 2025 at 03:37 PM

AL

“ I loved my daddy so much! I know countless students that he made an impact on. He will be missed by so many people!



Allison - October 27, 2025 at 02:38 PM