



Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd

September 21, 1927 - May 24, 2024

Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd of Blooming Grove, Texas, passed away peacefully on May 24,

2024, in Corsicana, Texas. He was born on September 21, 1927, to William Isaac and

Little Melissa (Pullin) Boyd, in Cryer Creek, Texas. He met Yvonne Smith at a skating rink in

1948, and he told friends he was going to marry her. They were married on June 30, 1950,

and made their home in Dallas, Texas. They had three daughters from this union and

married for 65 years until Yvonne's death in 2015.

Sonny was the ninth of ten children, growing up in the Cryer Creek area before the family

moved to Blooming Grove, Texas, in 1946. He graduated from Blooming Grove High School in 1946.

Sonny joined the U. S. Navy in 1946 and served until 1948. He served on DD 713, North and South Atlantic, and Carribean.

On May 19, 1952, he joined the Dallas Police Department as a patrolman and became a

detective October 15, 1957. He retired from DPD in 1978. He joined the

Euless Police

Department in October 1978 as a warrant officer then became the court administrator in

1981. He permanently retired on February 1, 1989.

Sonny and Yvonne moved from Dallas to Navarro Mills Lake in 1989, then made their home

in Blooming Grove, Texas, in January 1999.

He was a member of the Blooming Grove Methodist Church and a member of the Blooming

Grove Masonic Lodge. He was a Mason for over 50 years and enjoyed teaching the

Masonic works to others. He served on Navarro County Crimestoppers for 33 years. He

served as Vice President of the Rose Hill Cemetery Association from 2001 to 2021.

Sonny was the last living DPD detective who investigated the JFK assassination. His

picture appears in many historic photos.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, 9 siblings and 1 son-in-law.

Sonny is survived by his 3 daughters, Pam Boyd (Paul Korkames), Donna Roach (Ricky) and

Toni Rhyne, 7 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, 6 great great grandchildren, and 1

sister-in-law Gail Alexander, numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express their thanks and gratitude to Hand in Hand Hospice and the

staff of the Village at Heritage Oaks.

Visitation with his family will be Thursday, May 30 from 6 – 8 p.m. at Griffin Roughton

Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Friday, May 31 at 11 a.m. at First Methodist

Church, Corsicana, Texas. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Blooming Grove.

Serving as pallbearers are his grandson and great grandsons Randy Roach, Bradley Roach,

Blake Bowen, Brodey Bowen, Eli Rios and Jace Trull. Honorary pallbearers will be Austin

Rice, Rowdy Rice, Andrew Green, the men of the Blooming Grove Methodist Church and

the men of the Blooming Grove Masonic Lodge.

If desired, donations in Elmer "Sonny" Boyd's memory may be made to Texas Scottish Rite

Hospital, Rose Hill Cemetery Association in Blooming Grove, or the Blooming Grove

Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

300 Rose Hill Road
Blooming Grove, TX 76626

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Funeral Service

MAY 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Methodist Church
320 N 15th Ave
Corsicana, TX 75110

Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - May 29, 2024 at 11:32 AM

GS

“ My heart is full of sadness, just learning of his passing 7-1-25- Elmer I loved our long conversations and want to thank you for always looking out for me- you were my hero- I will miss you so much ! May you rest in peace - Gracie

Gracie Sanchez - July 01, 2025 at 12:07 PM

MR

“ My sweet Uncle Sonny.



Mike Ryan - May 31, 2024 at 11:07 AM

DF

“ From: Dolores Tijerina and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.

Dolores Tijerina and Family - May 30, 2024 at 05:53 PM

JJ

“ Keeping all Sonny’s family in my prayers for comfort and peace in the days ahead 🙏🙏🙏🙏 Sorry I can’t be there to celebrate this wonderful man’s life!!! Always enjoyed our visits and his hugs❤️

Jaynie Johnston - May 30, 2024 at 03:39 PM

LT

“ Linda T. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



Linda T. - May 30, 2024 at 01:21 PM

BD

“ Bobbie & Dennis purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



Bobbie & Dennis - May 30, 2024 at 12:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



May 30, 2024 at 11:53 AM

BD

“ When Mr. Boyd went on the Brookshire’s Hero Flight for WWII veterans to be honored in Washington DC in 2014, I was the person who was assigned to assist him. We became fast friends! We kept in touch since then and I cherish our calls and our friendship. He was a very special man and I know he will be greatly missed. I will never forget his very kind spirit!



Brenda Dougan - May 29, 2024 at 09:44 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



May 29, 2024 at 09:08 PM

BF

“ Brenda Dougan Brookshire’s Hero Flight planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.

Brenda Dougan Brookshire’s Hero Flight - May 29, 2024 at 09:08 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



May 29, 2024 at 07:18 PM



“ Love, Denise and Mark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.

Love, Denise and Mark - May 29, 2024 at 07:18 PM



“ Matt and Lisa purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



Matt and Lisa - May 29, 2024 at 03:22 PM



“ Kristin Williams and family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



Kristin Williams and family - May 29, 2024 at 02:09 PM

HS

“ Fair winds and following seas sailor.
"Boatswain... Standby to pipe the side...
Shipmate's going Ashore..." Thank you Elmer
for your service to this nation. U.S. Navy.
Godspeed Elmer, a long and loving life well
lived, and thank you for your years of law
enforcement service
My sympathies to Elmer's family, friends and loved ones.



Harry Simpson - May 29, 2024 at 01:35 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



May 29, 2024 at 12:16 PM

VT

“ Vicki, Becky & Tina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.

Vicki, Becky & Tina - May 29, 2024 at 12:16 PM

MF

“ Morse and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer "Sonny" L Boyd.

Morse and Family - May 29, 2024 at 09:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



May 29, 2024 at 09:02 AM



“ Barbara Love and Debbie Weber planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer "Sonny" L Boyd.

Barbara Love and Debbie Weber - May 28, 2024 at 09:56 PM



“ Barbara Love and Debbie Weber purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



Barbara Love and Debbie Weber - May 28, 2024 at 09:56 PM



“ Cindy S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer "Sonny" L Boyd.

Cindy S. - May 28, 2024 at 09:02 PM

RH

“ Robert and Gladys Honeycutt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer "Sonny" L Boyd.

Robert and Gladys Honeycutt - May 28, 2024 at 08:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



May 28, 2024 at 08:26 PM

CR

“ My mother, Sue Melton Moorhead and Sonny were lifelong friends from Blooming Grove High School. The last time they saw each other was at his 90th birthday. She sends her heartfelt condolences.



Charolette Robeson - May 28, 2024 at 07:42 PM

AM

Small world. Elmer & I worked at City of Euless for many years.

Anniece McKanna - May 30, 2024 at 11:17 PM

RL

“ R.d. L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer "Sonny" L Boyd.

R.d. L. - May 28, 2024 at 02:00 PM

RL

“ R.d. L. purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



R.d. L. - May 28, 2024 at 02:00 PM

DK

“ David & Melissa Trawick and Kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer "Sonny" L Boyd.

David & Melissa Trawick and Kids - May 28, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



May 28, 2024 at 01:54 PM

RL

“ I had the honor to know Elmer all my life! Elmer and my Dad, Ray Lewis were in the same DPD Academy in 1952 and later I worked with him in CA/Persons! In 1975 when I was shot, one of the suspects, the son of the man who shot me, tried to escape in the police building and Elmer found him! Amazing Christian Gentleman, always loved our visits! RIP My Friend

R.D. Lewis - May 28, 2024 at 01:36 PM

NK

“ Nancy K. purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



Nancy K. - May 28, 2024 at 12:45 PM

SD

“ RIP Elmer and prayers to the families. Enjoyed the years working with and around you. You were one of the most GODLY persons I have ever known in my life. See you again one day and bet you and Capt Fritz, Adamcik, Sims, Hall and the rest of the old squad are already reminiscing of the good old days! Stan McNear #2371 (ret DPD)

Stan McNear (ret DPD) - May 27, 2024 at 09:33 PM

JF

“ Janina(nina) and Thomas Chung and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer "Sonny" L Boyd.

Janina(nina) and Thomas Chung and family - May 27, 2024 at 05:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



May 27, 2024 at 05:44 PM



“ *Tommy and Criss purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet* for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



Tommy and Criss - May 27, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ *Mike and Pam Ryan and entire family! purchased the Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.



Mike and Pam Ryan and entire family! - May 25, 2024 at 06:32 PM



“ *Jason, Misty, and all of the Drain family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer "Sonny" L Boyd.*

Jason, Misty, and all of the Drain family - May 25, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Elmer L. "Sonny" Boyd.*



May 25, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *Sonny was a long time customer at the bank where I worked for a lot of years. I always enjoyed visiting with him & his wife when she was with him. He had a great sense of humor & we often spent more time laughing than tending business. After my retirement, they were among the many customers that I missed seeing. RIP Sonny!*

Sherri R - May 25, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *I first met Sonny about 12 years ago. At the time I didn't know who he was or anything about him. I just knew he was one of the nicest people I had ever met in my life. After I learned his history I was even more in awe of him. He was so kind and so humble. He is one of the most genuine people I have had the honor to know. Fly high Sonny! I am sure you and Dorothy have a lot of catching up to do.*



Alicia Rogers - May 24, 2024 at 10:45 PM

JB

“ *My favorite Texan. Elmer was a wonderful human being, a close friend to my family and I for many years. He treated us like his own family and we loved him as such. He has now seen the face of Jesus and has been reunited with his beloved wife Yvonne.*

He will be missed tremendously...

We love you buddy...



Jeremy Bacon - May 24, 2024 at 08:19 PM