



Glenn Sodd

June 29, 1948 - November 12, 2023

Glenn continued to hold court until his passing on November 12, 2023. He was surrounded by his family as he went to be with his Lord.

Glenn Alan Sodd was born in Ft. Worth, Texas on June 29, 1948 and grew up in Arlington. He graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington and then proceeded to graduate at the top of his class from Baylor University School of Law in 1972. While attending Baylor, he met his long-time mentor and law professor, Matt Dawson. Upon graduation, Glenn joined Mr. Dawson in Corsicana to form Dawson & Sodd, which he grew into a successful state-wide law firm that is still in practice today by the same name. Glenn's skill as a trial lawyer was legendary. When preparing for a trial, no detail was too small and rarely was the day long enough. For the last 35 years of his legal career, he vigorously and successfully represented landowners in eminent domain cases all across Texas, including, most notably, landowners whose property was condemned for the building of both The Ballpark in Arlington and Cowboys Stadium. As a result of his success, he was frequently asked to lecture on myriad eminent domain topics at conferences and to audiences all over the State and Country, including the Texas Legislature. Glenn was a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, National Order of Barristers, American Association for Justice, and practiced in numerous courts all over Texas and the United States.

Glenn was active in his community. Among his many civic duties, he served as: President of the Corsicana Chamber of Commerce, a member of the

Corsicana ISD Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Corsicana Development Commission, Director of the Corsicana Lions Club, and an Organizing Director of City National Bank. He taught Sunday school for many years at his beloved Grace Community Church, which he was instrumental in starting in the early 1990's.

In addition to his community involvement and law practice, Glenn spent much of his free time operating a 4,000-acre working ranch in Navarro County, known as The Refuge, which was, true to its name, a refuge for him and his family. Glenn originally purchased the ranch with a partner, who suddenly died shortly into their ownership. Upon purchasing his partner's half interest, Glenn was forced to figure out a way to make the ranch profitable or at least not too great of a cost. And so, Glenn, with his usual vigor and acumen, researched extensively grass production, dairy operations, and the scientific deer breeding business, and then, to no one's surprise, he turned The Refuge into a successful dairy operation with 1200 head of dairy cattle as well as one of the most prolific whitetail deer breeder operations in Texas.

Above all else, Glenn was most proud of his large family. Glenn met the love of his life, Pat, while in college. Pat supported Glenn through law school, and she continued to support him in all his endeavors throughout his life. Over the course of their 54-year marriage, they built a full and fun life in Corsicana with their three children and nine grandchildren. And while he wore many hats in his life (husband, father, trial lawyer, rancher, Cowboys fan) his favorite hat was that of "Papa," which his grandchildren affectionately called him. In fact, his favorite part of each week was driving his grandchildren, all of whom lived within a block of him and Pat, to school in the morning. The lessons, sayings, and stories that were shared (and shared again!) during those morning drives will provide lasting memories and wisdom for each of his grandchildren.

Glenn is survived by his loving wife Pat, son and daughter-in-law Jason and Ellen Sodd; daughter and son-in-law Jody and Chris McSpadden; daughter and son-in-law Jourdan and Caleb Hollingsworth; grandchildren Gabe and Eva Sodd; Will, Jake, Annie and Luke McSpadden; and Lyla, Leddy and Molly

Hollingsworth. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law Gary and Donna Sodd; sister, Janet Sodd; and brother-in-law Gordon Ailshie and wife, Corae. Glenn was preceded in death by his parents, Betty and Ellis Sodd and his brother, William "Bill" Sodd.

The family would like to thank Glenn's caregivers, especially Larronda Lusk, LaTasha Thompson and all of the people at Brookdale Corsicana for their endless patience and loving kindness. The family would also like to give their utmost thanks to Sarina Ratliff and Ashley Campbell at Bristol Hospice, whose kindness and patience were sent from above. A celebration of life will be held at Grace Community Church in Corsicana on Wednesday, November 15th at 2 pm with a reception following at Corsicana Country Club. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Grace Community Church Corsicana or the Corsicana Education Foundation.

<https://www.welcometograce.org/>

<https://www.corsicanaef.org/everyday-giving.html>

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

900 North 19Th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 15. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Grace Community
227 N. Beaton St
Corsicana, TX 75110

Reception

NOV 15. 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Corsicana Country Club
4100 Country Club Road
Corsicana, TX 75110

Tribute Wall

CS

“ We are saddened to hear about Glenn. We went to elementary school through college at UTA with Glenn. He was such a smart and well liked guy! This must be such a difficult time for the family. Our thoughts and prayers for your family. Jim and Cindy Spalding

Cindy Hall Spalding - November 16, 2023 at 03:34 PM

BF

“ Glenn was at Sam Houston High School in Arlington when I attended there. He was outstanding as a student and kind to everyone. Rest In Peace and prayers to the entire Sodd Family.

Beverly Fitzgerald - November 15, 2023 at 01:46 PM

SU

“ So sad to read about Glenn. Played Little League with him. A great guy and wonderful life. Condolences to all the family and friends. Sydney Underwood, Paris, Texas

Sydney Underwood - November 15, 2023 at 09:27 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Glenn Sodd.



November 14, 2023 at 08:29 PM

FM

“ Prayers for family of Glenn .. amazing man!

Fred & Kathy Melton - November 14, 2023 at 08:22 PM

SM

“ *Spydr McPherson lit a candle in memory of Glenn Sodd*



Spydr McPherson - November 14, 2023 at 08:15 PM

JE

“ *Glenn helped me in my multi year battle with the SSC in Ellis county over my 110 year old family property. Although the results weren't what we desired, he & his team fought the good fight. I was honored to call him my friend.
My condolences to family and friends.*

John Everett - November 14, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Glenn Sodd.*



November 14, 2023 at 03:59 PM

YG

“ *Your friends at Thornhill Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Glenn Sodd.*

Your friends at Thornhill Group - November 14, 2023 at 03:15 PM

YG

“ Your friends at Thornhill Group purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Glenn Sodd.



Your friends at Thornhill Group - November 14, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Glenn Sodd.



November 14, 2023 at 01:52 PM

SD

“ I am so blessed to have been able to know Glenn Sodd and his family. Glenn was truly a special man and one of a kind! A memory I can share is the one of my 3-hour job interview that ended driving through the ranch in his Lexus with the windows down and grasshoppers hopping across my lap. I had interviewed with many attorneys but at that interview 17 years ago, I knew Dawson & Sodd was different. How much so, I would only be so blessed to find out. It is a family within a family to the point, it is hard to describe. My condolences and love extended to everyone that knew and loved him and this special family.

Stacey Derden - November 14, 2023 at 12:55 PM

MB

“ Mary B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Glenn Sodd.

Mary B. - November 14, 2023 at 12:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Glenn Sodd.



November 14, 2023 at 12:51 PM

TC

“ Glenn was such a great guy and I remember him so fondly from my time spent working at Grace Community Church. He had a way of making everyone feel special and important. One of my favorite memories of Glenn was something he said to my family one Sunday afternoon: “I just love sitting behind y’all during church service because I can see happiness and the love you have for one another.” ❤️

Tricia Cooper - November 14, 2023 at 12:32 PM

WH

“ With all our love, Marris Ellis & Hodge planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Glenn Sodd.

With all our love, Marris Ellis & Hodge - November 14, 2023 at 12:08 PM

WH

“ *With all our love, Marrs Ellis & Hodge purchased the Divine Light for the family of Glenn Sodd.*



With all our love, Marrs Ellis & Hodge - November 14, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Glenn Sodd.*



November 14, 2023 at 11:50 AM

BT

“ Sodd Family,

We are so very sorry to hear about Glenn's passing. There are no words to be said to take away the pain of losing a loved one. We can just hope and pray that you all can find peace in knowing that he is in a far better place and free of all pain and suffering. Lean on one another and your network of friends in this difficult time of need. I've had the privilege of getting to know Glenn for the past 6-7 Years. We both share a passion for the competitiveness, social aspect, and comradery of playing cards. Honestly, it was probably the social aspect for both of us more than anything else.

I developed a huge amount of respect for Glenn over these years. Mainly because he was a self-made man who worked his way through college and started several thriving businesses; he wasn't born into money, he made all of his. Although Glenn was a very successful lawyer, businessman, and community leader, he still valued everyone at the table and treated us all with respect, regardless of our social or economic status/rankings.

Glenn always had the BEST stories. He shared stories of his childhood and working as an electrician while going to college. He said that there was a huge demand for installing electrical circuits and plugs for the new (at the time) window unit air conditioners. He shared his experience of buying the refuge and his partner passing literally before the ink dried on the contract. He talked about his numerous trips to Africa and all the Safaris and hunts that he went on; even shared a story of having to hide under a Land Rover while Lions invaded their campsite. He shared many stories of his early days as a lawyer and even having his El Camino Truck shot back in the early 80's. When Glenn would tell a story the poker games pretty much same to a standstill. The dealer would remind him it was his turn and Glenn would nod his head and just keep right on talking. Sometimes the dealer would also get so involved in the story he would end up shuffling the discarded cards back into the deck we were playing with.

We ALL enjoyed hearing Glenn's stories and vicariously living through his life's events with him. Some of those stories were told numerous times and we would still listen to them like we'd never

heard them; 1- because they were interesting and 2- just because he was Glenn.

Glenn was truly one of a kind and will be missed greatly by many. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

Bodie Travis & Family.

Bodie Travis - November 14, 2023 at 11:08 AM

TT

“ *Tara, Micah, and the True North Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Glenn Sodd.*

Tara, Micah, and the True North Team - November 14, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Glenn Sodd.*



November 14, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Glenn Sodd.*



November 14, 2023 at 08:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Glenn Sodd.*



November 13, 2023 at 09:46 PM



“ *The Texas Deer Association planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Glenn Sodd.*

The Texas Deer Association - November 13, 2023 at 08:42 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Glenn Sodd.*



November 13, 2023 at 08:42 PM