



Kevin "Gator" Thedford

February 23, 1963 - September 19, 2024

Robert Kevin (known by many as Gator) Thedford, age 61, of Chatfield, Texas passed away September 19th, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family. Kevin was born February 23, 1963, in Corsicana, Texas, the son of Harold Dean Thedford and Bobbie Joyce Sherrill Thedford. Kevin graduated from Corsicana High School in 1981, then went on to attend Navarro College. During his time at Navarro College, he worked on the Navarro College farm and was a member of the Navarro College Rodeo Club.

Kevin worked at Dean Thedford Office Supply for 36 years. His passion was cattle ranching, working with Darrell Raines on Grave Creek Ranch for over 40 years. Kevin loved being outdoors and spending time with his family on the ranch, as well as fishing and hunting. He was actively involved within the Rice/Chatfield community and served as a member of the Rice ISD Board of Trustees for a number of years.

Kevin was preceded in death by his father, Dean Thedford. He is survived by his wife, Lisa Thedford; mother, Joyce Thedford of Corsicana; daughter, Heather Flores and husband Matthew of Chatfield; daughter, Hillary Caudillo and husband Alex of Chatfield; daughter Haley Hejny and husband Adam of Ennis; son Hunter Thedford and wife Hannah of Chatfield; Austin Anderson and wife Ashley and son Easton of Chatfield; grandchildren, Kenna and Gage Flores, Noah and Abel Caudillo, Cole Hejny, and Hudson Thedford; brother,

Ricky Thedford and wife Bebe of Coolidge, Georgia; brother, Alan Thedford and wife Shelby of Blooming Grove; sister, Sheryl Ballard and husband Mike of Bryan; friend, Darrell Raines; brother-in-law, Timothy Christian and wife Jody; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Visitation will be Sunday, September 22nd from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Graveside service will be Monday, September 23rd at 10:00 am at New Chatfield Cemetery with Mike Ballard officiating.

Pallbearers will be Ricky Thedford, Alan Thedford, Hunter Thedford, Austin Anderson, Darrell Raines, Matthew Flores, Alex Caudillo, and Adam Hejny. Honorary pallbearers are LD Johnson, Randy Waters, Mike Ballard, Sloan Thedford, Shane Thedford, Keith Ballard, and Tim Christian.

Memorial donation in Kevin's memory may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

New Chatfield Cemetery

5001 FM 1603
Chatfield, TX 75105

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 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

Graveside Funeral Service

SEP **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

New Chatfield Cemetery
5001 FM 1603
Chatfield, TX 75105

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Kevin's family. We all loved Kevin!*

Maria Lemus

Maria Lemus - September 23, 2024 at 03:24 PM

DS

“ *Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with the Thedford familywe were very sorry to hear of Kevin's passing...he was always friendly and said hello...during all the games at Rice that his children participated in...very well respected and will be missed in the community.*

Debra & Steve Schneider - September 22, 2024 at 08:35 PM

DW

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Kevin and his family when I was over the Transcription Department at Medical Arts Clinic. He was always polite and a great asset to me. I also purchased a typewriter from them and they serviced it and kept me in ribbon and correction tape. So sorry for the family's loss. He was a good man. Prayers for the family as they go through the days ahead*

Donna Whittenburg - September 22, 2024 at 07:01 PM

RT

“ *Our condolences to the family. We knew Kevin from buying computers and asking for help. He was never too busy to answer our questions. He was honest and a man of integrity. If you called him, you knew it would be done right. God's blessings to all the family members. We are praying for you. Rick and Corrine Thompson.*

Rick Thompson - September 22, 2024 at 12:18 PM

TT

“ *The Tyners purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kevin "Gator" Thedford.*



The Tyners - September 21, 2024 at 12:10 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kevin "Gator" Thedford.*



September 20, 2024 at 07:08 PM

LM

“ *I worked over 32 years for Lynn Cooper Insurance, which was just a few doors down, from Dean Thedford Office Supply. We knew Kevin very well. I was always calling him to come fix my computer, which he was an expert at or calling him for supplies we needed. Kevin always had a smile on his face and always took the time to shoot the breeze. When he told us he would have something done, he did it. Kevin was loved and respected by everyone. What a huge loss this is for everyone that knew him and most of all for his wonderful family. My heart breaks for all of his family and please know that you are in my prayers. Love & Prayers, Linda Darby Menton*

Linda Darby Menton - September 20, 2024 at 02:20 PM

KP

“ Kelsie, William, and June Pickard purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Kevin "Gator" Thedford.



Kelsie, William, and June Pickard - September 20, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin "Gator" Thedford.



September 20, 2024 at 11:28 AM

DR

“ David, Kay, and Pudd Rhodes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin "Gator" Thedford.

David, Kay, and Pudd Rhodes - September 20, 2024 at 11:28 AM

WH

“ With Love, Gayle Henson purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Kevin "Gator" Thedford.



With Love, Gayle Henson - September 20, 2024 at 09:38 AM

RF

“ Randy Anderson & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kevin "Gator" Thedford.



Randy Anderson & Family - September 20, 2024 at 08:55 AM

JP

“ So sorry to hear this. I worked with Mr. Raines for years, and know how close he was to Gator. Prayers for comfort to all.

Jan Phillips - September 19, 2024 at 06:07 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Kevin "Gator" Thedford.



September 19, 2024 at 05:58 PM