



Tommy Gafford

July 30, 1954 - February 9, 2026

Tommy Dale Gafford, age 71, passed away on February 9, 2026, in Arlington, Texas. He was born on July 30, 1954, in Corsicana, Texas, to his parents Billy and Georgia Gafford.

Tommy was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He shared 50 wonderful years with the love of his life, Patricia Gafford, building a life centered on love, loyalty, and family. Tommy was truly a family man—his greatest joy was spending time with those he loved, whether gathered together or sharing everyday moments.

He is survived by his loving wife, Patricia Gafford; his children, Eric Alan Gafford, Christopher Dale Gafford and wife Christy, and Kimberly Gafford Day and husband David; his siblings, Bill Gafford and wife Kim, Dewayne Gafford and wife Susie, and Judy Wilson and husband Mike; and his cherished grandchildren, Tristani (Danya), Journey, Ethan, Zachary (Sophie), Ashlyn (Reney), Lucas, Deven, Dylan, and Alyssa. He is also survived by beloved cousins, dear friends, his shipmates, and his brothers of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 1009, who held a special place in his heart.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents, Billy and Georgia Gafford, and his beloved granddaughter, McKayla, whom he carried in his heart always.

In his free time, Tommy enjoyed fishing, gardening, and playing the guitar. He loved music, the outdoors, and above all, being surrounded by family and friends. His kindness, humor, and steady presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Tommy proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1973 to 1977, attaining the rank of BT3 while stationed aboard the USS Sacramento (AOE-1), a fast combat support ship. He was assigned to the #2 fire room, where he worked in the boiler room maintaining the integrity of the fire room and ensuring the boilers operated safely and efficiently. During his naval service, Tommy was deployed to the Vietnam area in a support role and was also stationed in the Philippines, where he met the love of his life, Patricia, beginning the journey they would share for the next 50 years.

Following his honorable military service, Tommy dedicated more than 40 years to his career as a service technician. He began working with the family business, Bill's Appliance, in Morgan City, Louisiana, from 1977 to 1979, before continuing his career in Corsicana, Texas, where he worked faithfully until his retirement in 2019. His strong work ethic, reliability, and pride in providing for his family defined both his professional life and the man he was.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 13, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Lone Star Cowboy Church of Navarro County. A funeral service will follow immediately at 3:00 p.m., officiated by Tim Easley. Burial will follow at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery.

Tommy's legacy of love, friendship, and devotion to family will live on through the many lives he touched.

Cemetery Details

Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Lone Star Cowboy Church of Navarro County
4495 W Highway 22
Corsicana, TX 75110

Funeral Service

FEB 13. 3:00 PM (CT)

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4495 W Highway 22
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Tribute Wall

LG

“ Love, Jonathan and Elizabeth Gafford purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Tommy Gafford.



Love, Jonathan and Elizabeth Gafford - February 14 at 09:07 AM

VS

“ Vernon and Nan Strebeck purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tommy Gafford.



Vernon and Nan Strebeck - February 13 at 05:42 PM

VS

“ Vernon and Nan Strebeck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Gafford.

Vernon and Nan Strebeck - February 13 at 05:42 PM

JJ

“ I had the privilege of knowing Tommy for so many years thru Bills Appliance! Began with Bill and Georgia then Tommy! Always helpful! My love and prayers are with the family. Prayers for God to give each one peace and comfort 🙏🙏 Jaynie Johnston (JD's mom)

Jaynie Johnston - February 13 at 01:52 PM

BC

“ *Barksdale Family (Christy co-worker) purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Tommy Gafford.*



Barksdale Family (Christy co-worker) - February 13 at 11:59 AM

TR

“ *Tim Roop lit a candle in memory of Tommy Gafford*



Tim Roop - February 13 at 11:22 AM

JG

“ *I met Tommy in 1964 when I was 7 years old. We were neighbors off and on until 1976. My prayers are with your family.*

Joe Gregory - February 13 at 10:57 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tommy Gafford.*



February 12 at 06:45 PM

YF

“ Your Oreilly Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Tommy Gafford.



Your Oreilly Family - February 12 at 03:47 PM

SR

“ Sherri R lit a candle in memory of Tommy Gafford



Sherri R - February 11 at 10:09 AM

LC

“ Love, Rhonda and Cort purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tommy Gafford.



Love, Rhonda and Cort - February 11 at 05:00 AM

LC

“ Love, Rhonda and Cort planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Gafford.

Love, Rhonda and Cort - February 11 at 05:00 AM

DD

“ Dale & Christy Day purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Tommy Gafford.



Dale & Christy Day - February 11 at 12:24 AM

DD

“ Dale & Christy Day planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Gafford.

Dale & Christy Day - February 11 at 12:24 AM

RM

“ Rick McCally purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Tommy Gafford.



Rick McCally - February 10 at 07:59 PM

RM

“ Rick McCally planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Gafford.

Rick McCally - February 10 at 07:59 PM

ML

“ Matt, Brittany, & Lily purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Tommy Gafford.



Matt, Brittany, & Lily - February 10 at 07:27 PM

TF

“ The Kevin Tackett Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Gafford.

The Kevin Tackett Family - February 10 at 06:36 PM

TF

“ The Kevin Tackett Family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Tommy Gafford.



The Kevin Tackett Family - February 10 at 06:36 PM

CA

“ Cordelia Albritton lit a candle in memory of Tommy Gafford



Cordelia Albritton - February 10 at 03:39 AM

SR

“ Although we are cousins, I only got to know you through Facebook. You were a very sweet person like your mom was. Rest in peace with your mother, Georgia and father, Bill.

I am praying for you family and friends. You will be dearly missed.



Sandra Robinson - February 09 at 10:20 PM