



Troy Vandiver

October 22, 1926 - July 8, 2005

Troy Eugene Vandiver was born on October 22, 1926 in Elmore City, Oklahoma to Betha Lee and Walter Vandiver. He was the youngest of 12 children. His family moved to West Texas when he was very young and he was raised in Jayton, a tiny West Texas community near Lubbock. After graduating from Jayton High School, Gene joined the United States Navy and served in World War II on a ship in the Panama Canal. Following his discharge, he returned to West Texas, where he met his first wife, Estelle Crawford. They married in 1946, and Gene began attending LeTourneau University in Longview Texas. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and opened Central Heating and Air Conditioning in Fort Worth. In 1959 he and Estelle purchased a small farm outside of Frost. Gene went to work for the Texas Highway Department in 1959 and enjoyed drawing the plans and supervising the building of many roads and bridges across the state of Texas during his long career with the highway department. After 26 years at the Highway Department Gene retired to enjoy his farm in Frost. He and Estelle had two children Larry Gene, born in 1948 and Carol Ann, born in 1956. He married his second wife Billie Sue Wessner in 1969. He passed away at home on July 8, 2005. He is survived by his wife Billie Sue Vandiver; son Larry Gene Vandiver of Frost; daughter Carol Ann Harris and her husband Mike of Temple; a stepson Kerry Wessner and his wife Erica, stepdaughter Kate Jozwiak and her husband Pete of Reading, PA.; brother D.C. Vandiver and his wife Virginia of Mesa Arizona; daughter in law and

caregiver Dianna Cooper of Frost, 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Services will be held Sunday July 10 at 3pm at the Frost Baptist Church. Interment at Dresden Cemetery. Arrangements by Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Troy Vandiver*

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“ *Billie, I was so sorry to hear of Troy's passing. I will always remember Troy and the many years we spent working together in the "good old days" at the Highway Dept. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Gail Richardson

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