



## Mr. Cecil Portman Jr.

October 23, 1942 - January 27, 2021

Funeral services for Mr. Cecil Portman, Jr., 78, of Carthage, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 31, 2021 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with The Rev. Jennene Laurinec and Bro. Chester Farmer, Jr. officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Reeves McMillan Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be Sunday from 1:00 - 2:00 pm prior to the service at the funeral home.

Mr. Cecil Hayward Portman was born October 23, 1942 in Texarkana, Texas. He passed this life January 27, 2021 in Carthage, Texas. Cecil was born to the marriage of Cecil Hayward and Mary Lou White Portman. He was raised throughout the states of California, Louisiana, and Texas, graduating from New Boston High School with the class of 1960. He attended Texarkana Junior College, East Texas State University, Panola College, Kilgore College, and graduated Stephen F. Austin State University in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science and Business Administration.

Mr. Portman served his country through the U. S. Air Force honorably discharged as an Airman First Class. Cecil married his love, Gloria Jean Reeves February 8, 1964 and they celebrated almost 57 years of marriage. Cecil continued his service, working for the Dept. of Public Welfare over 20 years, achieving the status of Quality Control Reviewer, one of only 11 in the state of Texas for the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare. His service continued as a Veteran Benefits Administrator serving in Waco, Texas. Cecil loved a challenge, political conversation over coffee, H.A.M. radio

operations, and spending time with all his in-laws and nephew and niece he loved as his own. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Portman is survived by his loving wife, Gloria Reeves Portman; brother-in-law, Glen Carl Reeves and sister-in-law, Kay Anderson Reeves; nephew, David Glen Reeves and wife Shelly Gray Reeves; niece, Susan Kascille (Kassie) Reeves Jolley and husband Ralph Cecil Jolley; grand nephews, John Wayne (J.W.) Jolley, Jake Cameron Jolley, and Austin Neal Reeves; grand nieces, Makynna Reeves and Peyton Brooke Reeves; other relatives and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be, David Glen Reeves, Ralph Jolley, J.W. Jolley, Randy Wilkerson, Randall Wilkerson, and Nicky Parker.

An online guestbook may be signed at [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Reeves McMillan Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JAN 31. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel  
307 W Wellington St.  
Carthage, Tx

### Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel  
307 W Wellington St.  
Carthage, Tx

# Tribute Wall



“ Gloria, I am so sorry. Here it is February 8th and I just learned of this. Sending love and prayers.



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**Shirley Carter Broadus** - February 08, 2021 at 03:39 PM

ES

“ I fondly remember Cecil as the very BEST boss I ever had at The Welfare Department, as it was called in those days. He was a kind hearted and loving man, and he made it fun to come to work and know that you had his full support and understanding.

Sure he will be missed by his loving wife Gloria, and all who were privileged and honored to know him.

May he rest in eternal peace, and receive his Heavily reward for a life well lived!

With Our Sympathy,  
Elaine and Tim Shadowens

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**Elaine Shadowens** - February 06, 2021 at 01:27 PM

SC

“ Thinking of you in this difficult time. Love Mrs Sylvia Cotton

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**sylvia cotton** - January 30, 2021 at 04:45 PM

MK

“Gloria, I want you to know I still have the beautiful ceramic angel you gave me the week you retired from Panola County. She sits on my mantle & I think of you every time I look at her. My heart goes out to you in this time of deep grief.

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**Marylee Knight** - January 30, 2021 at 03:07 PM

BE

“Gloria, my heart is broken to hear the news of Mr. Cecil's passing. I loved so much running into you and Mr. Cecil. I could always expect a good hug from him, and a great conversation. He loved people and it showed. We will terribly miss him in our community. Continued prayers for you throughout the days ahead. I love you much.

*Becky Eubank*

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**Becky Shoffner Eubank** - January 30, 2021 at 02:49 PM

MD

“It was always a pleasure to see Cecil and Gloria. We have “bumped into” them in restaurants, Wal-Mart and other places when we were out running our errands. The conversation was always enjoyable.

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**mickey dorman** - January 30, 2021 at 12:26 PM

VB

“Condolences to the Portman family. May you find comfort in the coming days ❤️



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**Vicki Willis Barker** - January 30, 2021 at 08:12 AM

KH

“ *Kim Henigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Portman Jr.*



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**Kim Henigan** - January 29, 2021 at 11:43 PM

HH

“ *HeartsWay Hospice lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Portman Jr.*



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**HeartsWay Hospice** - January 29, 2021 at 11:42 PM

WM

“ *Cecil, we are so proud to know you and look forward to one day seeing you again. You have always been a true Christian, Patriot and lover of history. We love you and miss you.*

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**Willian and Karen Marsalis** - January 29, 2021 at 06:09 PM