



Mr. D.D. "Pete" Golden

December 14, 1920 - December 1, 2017

Graveside funeral services for Mr. D. D. "Pete" Golden, 96, of Carthage, Texas will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 4, 2017 at the Shelbyville Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Mr. Golden died December 1, 2017 in Tyler, Texas.

Mr. Donia Dixon "Pete" Golden was born December 19, 1923 in the Yarnell Community of Panola County, Texas to Lessie and Dona McMillan Golden. He was raised and schooled in Logansport, Louisiana, graduated Stephen F. Austin State University, and Sam Houston State University, and would serve his country through the U. S. Marine Corp. He would marry Sarah Jane Swanzy December 22, 1952 and they would celebrate 61 years of marriage before she preceded him in death in 2014.

Mr. Golden spent his career as a professional educator. He coached, taught history and ended his career as a junior high principal after 35 years. He was an avid outdoorsman, who loved hunting, fishing, gardening and his family.

Mr. Golden is survived by his son, Dr. Dennis Golden and wife Kim of Carthage, Dr. Dixon Golden and wife Melody of Center, Suzon Cloud and husband Dan of Tyler, and Dr. Gary Golden and wife Jeanette of Hemphill, sister, Gloria Creech of Houston, grandchildren, Dan Cloud, Sarah Darnell, Allison Grant, Denny Golden, Lauren Golden, Lindsay Golden, D.D. Golden, L.E. Golden, Kasey Golden, Rob Golden, Kurt Golden and Drew Golden, great grandchildren, Mitchell Grant, Jaime Grant, Will Cloud, Madison Cloud, Gavin Golden, Easton Golden, Mason Golden, Magnolia Golden, Thomas

Gage, Remington Cloud Darnell, and Mason Golden, lifelong friend, Allen Joe Johnson of Logansport and his children, Anisse, Margaret and Cary Clark Johnson, numerous niece, nephews and a host of friends.

The family suggests memorials to the D. D. Golden Scholarship Fund c/o Panola College.

Cemetery Details

Shelbyville Cemetery

Shelbyville, TX

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Shelbyville Cemetery
Shelbyville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *What a shame this family has refused for more than 60 years to acknowledge D.D.'s first born son, my father, a grandfather and wonderful man. I wish I could have met my biological grandfather and let him enjoy the wonderful thing his grandsons and great grandsons have accomplished, but he, his wife and all his following children refused to admit that we exist. How sad. Fortunately, the mother of his first child was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother to us all. We are doing great. We don't need or want anything from any of you - but the time has come for you to admit we exist. So sorry you missed out on all our adventures and achievements. RIP Mr. Golden - your bloodline will live on for many generations over here - sadly, there will be always be an unfortunate footnote in our history.*

*Sincerely,
LeRoy Dona Golden II*

LeRoy D Golden II - December 24, 2017 at 01:14 PM

DG

There is nothing said here that is untrue. I am so sorry this happened. The children of DD and Jane Golden knew almost nothing about the details of why this happened. Personally, I had no knowledge at all until I was about 30 years old. I will not in any way attempt to justify anyone, including my daddy, from walking away from his son. I know that the decision to do so had to be a very painful one. I believe that he wanted to be a father to all his children including Dona. Unfortunately for us all. My mother made his life a living hell. In his mind he had to make a decision no father should ever be asked or expected to make. I am grateful The my new nephew posted this statement. It enabled me to find my brother. I chose not to judge anyone. I do seek to try and understand. My big brother have met one another and spoken on the phone several times. I hope that perhaps in a little way , I can help turn a wrong into a right. After meeting with my new brother, I believe we can. I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of joy and love that I received from so many friends after seeing the picture of my brother and I meeting for the first time that I posted on Facebook. I will cherish the comments so many people made for the rest of my life.

Dennis Golden - January 05, 2018 at 01:30 AM

BG

“ *Dear Golden family
we have all been blessed with the presence of my Uncle Pete who always was positive in attitude . My favorite memory would have to be on September 17th 2016 i was driving up to his property an passed his driveway came up to a locked gate an in the corner of my right eye was a tall dude flying across the pasture on a 4wheeler he slammed on the brakes an asked me could i help you i replied i am looking for Pete Goldens house he replied you are looking at him i was in shock it had been along time since i saw Pete an was expecting him to be in a wheel chair or at least a walking cane obviously Pete has lived a good life and a blessed one. Our sincere condolences*

Bill and Tina Golden Carrollton tx God Bless

Bill and Tina Golden - December 09, 2017 at 10:44 PM

BG

“ *Bill And Kathy Gollmitzer lit a candle in memory of Mr. D.D. "Pete" Golden*



Bill and Kathy Gollmitzer - December 07, 2017 at 09:37 AM

SS

“ *I graduated from Gary High School and had Mr. and Mrs. Golden as teachers. I have some great memories of them. May God bless all of the family during this time.*

Sammie Lou Jones Sitton

Sammie L. Jones Sitton - December 03, 2017 at 03:35 PM

JD

“ *John & Ann Droptini lit a candle in memory of Mr. D.D. "Pete" Golden*



John & Ann Droptini - December 02, 2017 at 10:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. D.D. "Pete" Golden.*



December 02, 2017 at 07:36 PM