



Mr. Tillman Ray Hargraves

September 29, 1947 - October 22, 2020

Funeral services for Mr. Tillman Ray Hargraves, 73, of Gary, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, October 26, 2020 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Dale Reed officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Strong Cemetery in Shelby County, Texas under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Sunday night at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Mr. Tillman Ray Hargraves was born September 29, 1947 in Beaumont, Texas and passed this life October 22, 2020 peacefully at his Gary, Texas home. He was born to the marriage of Willie Ray and Joyce Tigertt and was raised from a young age by his grandparents, Willie, and Nola Hargraves. Tillman was raised and schooled in Fannett, Texas graduating with the class of 1967.

Mr. Hargraves served his country honorably in the 25th Infantry during Vietnam. His service earned him three purple hearts, a bronze star and silver star and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Upon his discharge he married Eva Lee Fancher and they celebrated 47 years of marriage. A true example of faith and love, never leaving each other's sides. He had a heart of gold helping anyone in need. He loved the outdoors, gardening, ranching, raising longhorn's, cattle, donkeys and spending time hunting. He is preceded in death by both his parents and the grandparents who raised him; grandson, Michael Strong, beloved niece, Margaret Seymour Hebert; raised with him as siblings, J.D. Hargraves, Lou Ella Skillman, and Florence Meehan.

Mr. Hargraves is survived by his devoted wife, Eva Hargraves; children,

Crystal and Terry Desadier of Ringgold, LA, William and Rebecca of Woodbory, MN; Candice and Buddy Strong of Carthage; grandkids, Bethany Freeman of Abilene, Travis Hargraves of Ringgold, LA, Nicholas Newton of San Augustine, Preston Desadier of Winnfield, LA, Colton Desadier of Winnfield, LA, Kaitlynn Strong of Carthage, Joshua Strong of Carthage, John Strong of Carthage; ten great grandchildren; beloved sister-in-law, Audrey Hargraves; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be; Travis Hargraves, Nicholas Newton, Joshua Strong, John Strong, Terry Desadier, Buddy Strong and honorary pallbearer, John Brittan.

An online guestbook can be signed at www.hawthornfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Strong Cemetery

Shelby County, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all who loved and knew Tillman. We will miss you big brother.

Dona. David and Beth

Dona Moody - October 26, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Tillman Ray Hargraves.



October 25, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Tillman Ray Hargraves.



October 24, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ Jerry and Darlene Fancher, & The Thompsons purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Tillman Ray Hargraves.



Jerry and Darlene Fancher, & The Thompsons - October 24, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Tillman Ray Hargraves.*



October 24, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ *Such a sweet caring man, husband, father, grandfather. Friend... there are no words to repair your hearts... Thank-you for the love and life you gave my sister.... My funny memory will always be the horse Daddy talked you out of for Eva... May God Hold you all in his loving arms.... Because Tillman is making deals with daddy again until that ole circle goes unbroken... Sing with angels, fish laugh have good times and love one another because God is Love... By the way... I never did figure out if Tillman was actually a soldier or a cowboy ? I just know he was the best of both.... You all are in my prayers.... Sis, Aunt Lillie*

lillie; - October 23, 2020 at 07:42 PM

DT

“ One vivid memory I have from our childhood was riding the school bus with him. We did not have a very nice bus driver and our bus route would turn around at the County Barn where our grandfather worked. So on this particular day, the bus driver had said something to Tillman that he did not like, so Tillman just got off the bus at the County Barn and told the bus driver, he would have Popie take care of him. What was funny was the greasy spot he left on the bus window because he always sat sideways on the seat, and the grease from is haircut was all that was left of him..

Also, my sister Paula, thought Tillman was the funniest joke teller. One joke he would tell her over and over, and she would still laugh hysterically like it was the first time she had heard it. Tillman would say, "Hey Paula, Did you hear the joke about the airplane?". And she would respond, "No". Then Tillman would answer, "Oh it doesn't matter, it is over your head anyway! They would both break out laughing.

Dear Tillman, your humor, talent, and personality will sure be missed in this world!

Enjoy Glory Land! Your Cousin, Debbie

I enjoy the posted picture because it always makes me wonder what Tillman is up to after the picture is taken. LOL



Deborah L Thomas - October 23, 2020 at 07:11 PM

GB

Tillman was a few years older than me and I looked up to him. He was always true to his word and a man of Honor. He will be missed a lot. God Bless and RIP

Gary Boswell - October 24, 2020 at 11:50 AM

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“ *The Fanchers, Bobbie and Vida purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Tillman Ray Hargraves.*



The Fanchers, Bobbie and Vida - October 23, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Tillman Ray Hargraves.*



October 23, 2020 at 06:28 PM