



Cecil Howard Grimes

October 8, 1927 - September 25, 2017

Cecil Grimes was born in Nacogdoches, Texas to John and Mytie Grimes on October 8, 1927. He spent 12 years on the farm before moving to Houston in 1939. After finishing high school in 1944, he went to work for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. In December of 1945 he was drafted into the U S Air Force. In 1947, he came home and went back to work for Southwestern Bell.

While working in Houston he met Linnie Ellisor and they married in March of 1952, a son was born in 1953 named John E. Grimes. They moved to Huntsville in 1965; still working for Southwestern Bell, reporting to Pop Oliver, he worked all over the Huntsville District. He retired in 1985 with 40 years of service in Houston and Huntsville.

In 1970, Pop Oliver retired, and they all got together and bought Pop a boat. Cecil fished with him for years, catching a lot of white perch. He enjoyed working in his yard and in 1988 won yard of the month by The Garden Club. He always planted a garden every year, raising vegetables and sharing with all the guys on the street. In 2005, due to Cecil's health issues the family was unable to travel with their camping club, which allowed more time for him to enjoy working in his yard and garden.

In 1988, Cecil served as president of the Sam Houston Telephone Pioneer

Club in Huntsville. They joined the telephone pioneer family campers club called the Ding A Lings. He became the president in 1989, and they enjoyed traveling with the club for many years.

The family would like to give special thanks to his caregivers Shelia Corley, Charlotte Corley, Total Home Health Care and to Shannon and all of the nurses who cared for Cecil.

Cecil is survived by his son John E. Grimes and wife Melissa; nieces Linda Kroll, Peggy Kerr and Ann Owen; nephews Larry Burt, Jack Burt, Gregg Burt, John Hayman and Thomas Hayman. He is preceded in death by his wife Linnie Grimes; parents John and Myrtie Grimes; and sisters Ruth Burt and Lillie Mae Hayman.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM till 7:00 PM on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, October 2, 2017 in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Interment will follow the service at Brooke Cemetery in Huntsville, Texas.

Memorial donations may be made to the H.E.A.R.T.S. Museum, 463 State Hwy 75 N, Huntsville, TX 77320.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfm.com

Funeral Service

OCT 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cecil Howard Grimes*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - September 28, 2017 at 10:58 AM



“ *Cecil Howard Grimes*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I was only able to care for Cecil one weekend. Even in illness, he still managed to make you laugh. Thank you to his family for allowing me to share in his care, however short the time was. Cecil will definitely be missed. Praying for the family.*

Sabrina McCullough - September 30, 2017 at 02:44 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Cecil Howard Grimes.*



September 29, 2017 at 07:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecil Howard Grimes.*



September 29, 2017 at 05:01 PM



“ *Condolences to Cecil's friends and family. For several years, I enjoyed drinking coffee with him and several other fine gentlemen at the Texan Café. He will be missed.*

Allan Rushing - September 29, 2017 at 02:46 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Cecil Howard Grimes.*



September 29, 2017 at 01:55 PM

GB

“ *John and Melissa*

All of our thanks for taking care of Cecil and Linn for the past few years. Your family appreciates it more than you will ever know. He was always so good to us, and he was so fond of Kathy, and she was so fond of him.

I have such good memories of our family get togethers at our house during the holidays. Cecil and Norman were always good for a laugh, and get under my mother's skin. I miss those days, as well as the jokes he used to send me.

Cuz, even though we were always half a state away from each other, we always had a special bond. I always looked forward to our times together, whether in Waco or Huntsville. Still do, always will.

Know that we are here for you, all of us. Just a phone call away.

*All our love
Greg and Kathy*

Greg Burt - September 29, 2017 at 11:45 AM

SF

“ *This was such a sweet man, he and I visited when he used to walk the mall. God Bless each of you and God gained a special angel.
Sherry Fabre*

Sherry Fabre - September 29, 2017 at 09:30 AM

EA

“ *Edd & Terry Artherholt lit a candle in memory of Cecil Howard Grimes*



Edd & Terry Artherholt - September 28, 2017 at 04:48 PM

AO

“ *Johnny,*

I'm so sorry about Uncle Cecil. He will surely be missed by all of us - especially his sense of humor. You know that he's having a wonderful reunion in Heaven with your mom, my mom and Lillie Mae.

You know I love you and will be praying for you in the days and weeks to come. Your Burt family is here for you.

*Much love,
Ann*

Ann Owen - September 27, 2017 at 06:55 PM

BM

“ *Pawpaw was am amazing man. He always thought of others. I loved him with my heart and soul. I remember going camping and staying the weekend with him and my mawmaw. Pawpaw may you rest in peace and now you are reunited with mawmaw. I will miss you and remember that I will never forget you, and I will always love you.*

Brandy Moore - September 27, 2017 at 06:32 PM