



## Delbert Dean Hoke

August 22, 1947 - November 21, 2020

Delbert Dean Hoke, age 73, of Bedias, Texas passed away on November 21, 2020 in Houston, Texas.

Dean was a loving father, grandfather, brother, and friend to many. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elbert and Doris Hoke. Dean leaves behind daughters Leah Hoke, Julie Perkins, and Amy Hoke and a son Clayton Hoke (Katie); grandchildren, Ashlea, Tyler, Elizabeth, Ryan, Garrett, Hagen, Grace, and Hudson; great-grandchildren Lily, Jai, Houston, and Donald; brothers (twin) Gene Hoke (Jeanine) and Jimmie Don Hoke (Candace).

After high school, Dean was drafted to the war where he fought as a Special Forces soldier (Green Beret) in Vietnam. Upon his return, he started a pipeline construction career. He worked a couple of years with Neil Price in Iraq and Iran. Then in 1975, he went to work for Bechtel and retired after 39 years. His work over the years, spanned across 40+ countries and 31 states in the U.S. Though he worked hard, Dean played hard too. He loved classic cars and was often found wandering around, camera in hand, at classic car shows. Most notably, the car show “Hot August Nights” in Reno/Sparks, Nevada, where he made the annual pilgrimage only taking his eyes off the cars long enough for a short stint at the poker tables.

Dean especially loved Hudson Terraplanes. His first Hudson was a 1936 Hudson Terraplane coupe, which he had restored and named “Blush”. The car has won many prizes, including Best in Show, and Dean was very proud of this beauty. He later acquired a Hudson sedan and a Hudson pickup as

additional restoration projects.

Dean also loved the outdoors and planting his vegetable garden. He loved to share his home-grown cucumbers, tomatoes, and peppers. He loved hunting and fishing and has enjoyed many trips doing both with friends. He enjoyed photography and has many beautiful photos of the New England autumn leaves, animals from safari in Africa, countless classic cars, and all of the beautiful things he saw and captured through his camera lens.

A big extended family, many friends, and coworkers from around the world will remember his big heart and warm smile. He will be incredibly missed.

Services will be held at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas on Friday, November 27, 2020. Viewing will be 1 - 3 pm, Service at 3 pm, followed by a short graveside service at Buck Foster Cemetery. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Buck Foster Cemetery

Morgan Rd  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Delbert Dean Hoke*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Condolences from the Wise Family. Dean was a great help to us while working with him in Thailand. He was a good pipeliner and a better man.*  
*Ronnie and Melissa Wise.*



ronnie wise - November 27, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Alania Ivey - November 25, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Delbert Dean Hoke*



M. Hyvl - November 25, 2020 at 06:18 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Delbert Dean Hoke.*



November 25, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ *Terry Wooten purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Delbert Dean Hoke.*



**Terry Wooten** - November 25, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ *BGE - Construction Management Team purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Delbert Dean Hoke.*



**BGE - Construction Management Team** - November 25, 2020 at 09:20 AM