



## True Cousins

December 13, 1933 - October 3, 2016

True Edwin Cousins was born December 13, 1933 in Grant City, Missouri to J. Ray Cousins and Laura Kathryn Hamilton Cousins. His life on earth ended October 3, 2016 after a brief illness.

True earned an Aeronautical Engineer's Degree in 1958 from Kansas University. He spent 20 years working in the space industry having worked on the F-4 Military Plane, Mercury Capsule, Gemini, and Bell Helicopter along with many other airplanes and space vehicles. He was also a mechanic and owned and operated The Kaferhaus (foreign car parts and service) in Seabrook before moving to Huntsville in 1977. He worked on foreign cars in Huntsville before becoming the Associate Director of the Physical Plant at Sam Houston State University and later at M. D. Anderson Cancer Research Center at Bastrop and Smithville. He was a Registered Professional Engineer of Texas and after retiring he operated Central Texas Consulting, an engineering consulting firm, doing structural inspections, foundations and many other jobs requiring a structural engineer. He was a member of TAPPA (Texas Association of Physical Plant Administrators) and SEAoT (Structural Engineers Association of Texas) and attended their conferences annually. In his younger years his hobby was building (not from a kit!) and flying free flight model airplanes and entering and winning contests with them. He ran track in high school and college. He was a charter member of Seven Hills Running Club and ran many 5Ks and 10Ks in Huntsville and surrounding communities.

He also enjoyed hunting and being outdoors. There really wasn't much he couldn't do or didn't enjoy.

True was preceded in death by his daughter, Cynthia Mills; his parents, Ray and Laura Cousins; four sisters, Frances Shearer, Kathryn Donius, Helen Seat and Nellie Hensley; one brother, J. R. Cousins; five nephews; two nieces; and one great granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife of 62 and a half years, Esther Engle Cousins; four daughters, Trudie Fetterman and husband Jim; Janice Crooks and special friend Joel Robinson; Brenda Bricker; Lorna Horstman and husband Steve; one son, Doyle Cousins and wife Nanci; and son-in-law Mark Mills; grandchildren, Heather Trevino and husband Paul; Hilary Dunn and husband Jeff; Hayley Scott and husband Sylvester; Louie Mills and wife Amanda; Tammy Mills; Amy Southerland and husband Gary; Dena Conn; Erin Cogburn and husband Jon; Emily Lambert and husband Jeff; Kylie Cousins; Keanu Cousins; Alyx Cousins; Ashley Etheredge and husband Stephen; and Danny Horstman; great-grandchildren Jayce, Kaden and Breslyn Trevino; Allie and Olivia Dunn; Isaiah, Zarek and Harrison Scott; Brodie and Amelia Mills; Garrett Southerland; Ava, Ethan and Owen Conn; Noah and Wyatt Cogburn; Jett and soon-to-be Mia Lambert; and Colton Etheredge.

Services for Mr. Cousins, will be Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 3:00pm at the Huntsville Church of Christ, Huntsville, Texas. Visitation for family and friends will be Friday, October 7, 2016 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Scleroderma Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

OCT 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

Huntsville Church of Christ  
3737 State Hwy 30 W  
Huntsville, TX 77340

# Tribute Wall



“ *True Cousins*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Doyle & Family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Tru. I have known and worked with him for many years. Such a good person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Doug & Charley Sanders*

**Doug Sanders** - October 13, 2016 at 08:54 AM



“ *Doyle,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your Dad will be missed.*

*Jeff Vienneau*

**Jeff Vienneau** - October 10, 2016 at 06:19 PM



“ *It was my pleasure to have known and worked with True for many years. He was a fine man in every sense of the word and will be missed by all who knew him.*

*Earl Carter  
Huntsville*

**Earl Carter** - October 08, 2016 at 02:47 PM

TY

“ *Esther, we're so sorry to learn of True's passing. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to your family and loved ones. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Toshiba & Stanley Yamada*

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**Toshiko & Stanley Yamada** - October 07, 2016 at 04:14 PM

BC

“ *The real estate community will miss this wonderful man ! I especially !! Many blessings !*

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**Barbara Collins** - October 07, 2016 at 03:45 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of True Cousins.*



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October 07, 2016 at 11:46 AM

LG

“ *Esther we are sending prayers for you and your family. True was an amazing man and will definitely be missed! Love, Glenn and Laura Green*

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**Laura Green** - October 07, 2016 at 10:44 AM

DS

“ Ms. Esther, Doyle and family. True taught us so much in not only our business, but in life itself. He gave his life to God, his family , passion in his work, running and everything he did. He always had a smile and a kind word and most of all a BIG heart. Thank you for sharing this great man with us over the years. He will forever live in our hearts. Our Prayers are with you all and for him to give you strength in the days ahead. ~Donna & Dale Story

Dale & Donna Story - October 06, 2016 at 10:15 PM

JM

“ Esther, our thoughts & prayers are will y'all during this difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss. Hugs! Jan & William

Jan McPike - October 06, 2016 at 06:03 PM

RS

“ Ray Shaw , Jill Shaw, and Gene Shaw purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of True Cousins.



Ray Shaw , Jill Shaw, and Gene Shaw - October 06, 2016 at 02:17 PM

BB

“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



Brenda Bricker - October 06, 2016 at 09:56 AM

NM

“ Dear Esther and Family,  
Love and prayers to all. Our thoughts are with you,  
Nancy & Mike Mowry

Nancy Mowry - October 06, 2016 at 09:01 AM

K6

“ Esther and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all and I can't wait to see you again to get a big hug! Love ya, Kathy Lewis ESC6

Kathy Lewis @ ESC Region 6 - October 06, 2016 at 08:50 AM

SK

“ Scott, Lindsey, Judy, Jacob, Zane and Kendall purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of True Cousins.



Scott, Lindsey, Judy, Jacob, Zane and Kendall - October 06, 2016 at 12:21 AM

SB

“ I am so sorry for the loss of such a smart, polite and kind man in True Cousins. My love to sweet Esther and all the children. Prayers for strength! We had the privilege of being their neighbor back in 1965. He will be missed.

Shirley Bynum - October 05, 2016 at 10:55 PM

LM

“ Love, Dwight and Ann Mueller purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of True Cousins.



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**Love, Dwight and Ann Mueller** - October 05, 2016 at 07:59 PM

KI

“ True will be greatly missed as he was a special friend to all! Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family but especially our beloved Esther. John and Kim Sanders & Family

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**kim** - October 05, 2016 at 05:12 PM

BK

“ So very sorry to hear of the passing of your sweet True. We were so blessed with knowing him. Our deepest sympathies and love go out to all your family.  
*Bob & Phyllis Kennedy*

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**Bob & Phyllis Kennedy** - October 05, 2016 at 04:47 PM

DM

“ David McKee lit a candle in memory of True Cousins



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**David McKee** - October 05, 2016 at 03:11 PM

MM

“ Mike & Sherrill McDowell lit a candle in memory of True Cousins



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**Mike & Sherrill McDowell** - October 05, 2016 at 12:20 PM

SG

“ Steve & Peggy Goetz lit a candle in memory of True Cousins



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**Steve & Peggy Goetz** - October 05, 2016 at 08:40 AM

JB

“ True was truly named well. When he was your friend, he was truly your friend. We will miss greatly seeing him at Rodeo for lunch on Sunday. God bless you all; I know your loss is great.

*Jerry and Betty Bruce*

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**Jerry Bruce** - October 05, 2016 at 07:18 AM

AS

“ Angelina Santos lit a candle in memory of True Cousins



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**angelina santos** - October 04, 2016 at 02:09 PM

MR

*Got to know this great man once 1983 while working on a project at SHSU. I would go on to work with in on countless projects over the year. I leaned so much True in that time. He was kind, soft spoken alway willing to help. God got the best engineer I've ever seen. Prayers for the family.*

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**mark Robinson** - October 05, 2016 at 07:35 AM

CW

*I met True when he hired me in 1981 to work at the Physical Plant at SHSU. From the day I met him until the last time I had the honor of seeing him (approximately 3 weeks ago), I have never known him to be anything but a great man, a good Christian, and funny, in his dry humor way!! I will miss him, and I pray that Esther and their kids and grand kids will realize just how much of an influence he had on a lot of people, especially me. And I pray for their peace, and help through this rough time in their lives.*

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**Cindy Wells** - October 05, 2016 at 10:45 AM

RM

*I am so sorry to hear about True's passing. He was truly a one of a kind man who will be missed. My prayers are with his family.*

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**Robin Murtishaw** - October 05, 2016 at 06:34 PM

ME

*Esther, it has been many decades since I've seen True but I remember him as being a very nice man with a great dry sense of humor. When I was 12 he flew a model airplane he had built at James and Matti's place and I was so impressed with him. From reading the remarks of others in his present life it is obvious he was exceptional. My heart is with you cousin, I'm so sorry he is gone.*

*Mike Engle*

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**Mike Engle** - October 08, 2016 at 12:44 AM

RH

*Lorna and Steve, your family are in our prayers and thoughts during this diffucult time. Robin Campbell Hotchkiss& Family*

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**Robin Campbell Hotchkiss** - October 11, 2016 at 01:12 PM