



W. D. Gillaspie

April 19, 1928 - October 8, 2010

Wade Duane (W.D.) Gillaspie Born April 19, 1928, in Dodge, Texas. Died October 4, 2010 in Huntsville, Texas. He was 82 years old. He was preceded in death by: his father and mother, Wade and Roxie Gillaspie, his sisters, Elsie and Mary Ann Gillaspie and grandson Kevin Gillaspie. He is survived by his wife Joyce, daughter and her husband Kathy and Guy Williams, son and his wife Wade and Terry Gillaspie, and son and his wife Doug and Trisha Gillaspie. He has 7 grandchildren and their spouses: David Lance and Theresa Gillaspie, Brandon Simmons, Guy and Ashley Williams, Lindsay Gillaspie, Tyler Wade Gillaspie, Suzanne and Kevin Williams and Sara Williams. He has 3 great-grandchildren, Cameron, Maya, and Gage Williams. He is also survived by his brother Alex and wife Machere Gillaspie and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. W.D. graduated from Huntsville High School in 1944. He attended Sam Houston College and served in the National Guard before entering the Air Force in 1950. While stationed in El Paso, Texas he met and married Joyce May. They were married 58 years this September. W.D. served as a sight and turrets systems technician in the Air Force and reached the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was honorably discharged in 1953 and served 4 years in the Reserves. He worked as a heavy equipment contractor and rancher from 1954-1972 and was employed as a heavy equipment supervisor at TDC from 1972-1980. W.D. was a partner in Huntsville Aviation from 1981-1991 and was a heavy equipment broker from 1992 until his health began to decline. W.D. was a life long resident of Dodge.

He was known by many names including Duane, Wade, W.D. and "Big Daddy." After a lengthy illness he went home to our Lord, Jesus Christ. The family would like to express a special thank-you for the loving care he received at Huntsville Memorial Hospital. Graveside services will be held Friday, October 8, 2010, 10:00 a.m. at Dodge Cemetery, Dodge, Texas with Rev. Jason Bay officiating. Family will receive friends Thursday, October 7, 2010, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *W. D. Gillaspie*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Joyce,
I just received an email that Nancy Lowry had passed away, and was looking through the obituaries, and was so saddened to see that W. D. had passed away in October. I have always cared so much about you, and it makes me very sad to know that you have lost your life-long love. Know that I am thinking about you and remembering you in my prayers. Much love to you during this difficult time.*

Margaret Gardner McAdams - December 28, 2010 at 10:14 PM



“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to Joyce and the rest of the family. Joyce keep working and try to enjoy some of each day. I remember you will from Sam Houston Elementary when I was Secretary there. Hold on to your memories, and try to think of his rejoicement in Heaven. God Bless You, Dorothy Reader Hopkins*

Dorothy Reader Hopkins - November 06, 2010 at 02:19 PM



“ *Wade, Doug & Kathy,
We were sorry to hear about your Dad. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Bobby & Cathy Hayman Warren*

Bobby & Cathy Warren - October 08, 2010 at 07:59 PM

LD

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.

Lacee Dilliard - October 08, 2010 at 06:04 PM

PP

“ Vicki and I are very sorry for your loss of W.D he was a long time friend that will be missed greatly,
GOD bless and our prayers are with you at this time.

Pete and Vicki Pothier - October 06, 2010 at 09:50 PM

BL

“ Wade and Terry,

Pam and I are thinking about you during this time of grief for you and your family. We know how difficult it is to lose one's parents and our sympathy is with you. May your pain lessen in the coming days.

Bobby and Pam Lane - October 06, 2010 at 07:04 PM

TF

“ To the Gillaspie Family
Please know that our thoughts are prayers are with you at this time.
May God surround you with his love and comfort.

The Schweitzer Family - October 06, 2010 at 05:54 PM

LB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Lynn, Donna & Todd Boone - October 06, 2010 at 02:08 PM

RW

“ Dear Mama Joyce and Family, Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of W.D. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Randy & Cathy Winn - October 06, 2010 at 01:40 PM

BN

“ The Gillaspie family will be in my prayers during your time of sorrow. God Bless and be with you all.

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - October 05, 2010 at 11:25 PM

JB

“ To Wade, Terry, Doug & the Gillespie family, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. He was a good hard working man and I know he was friends with my dad for many years. Just remember all the wonderful memories that you have of him and they will help you get through the days ahead. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless...
Don & Jamie Ellisor Brinegar

Jamie Ellisor Brinegar - October 05, 2010 at 03:42 PM

NJ

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. W. D. was a good man and we appreciate the friendship that he showed us while we lived in Huntsville. Wade, just remember all of the good things and times you had with your Dad. Love to all, Norma Dell and Jerry D. Jones of Lovelady.

Norma Dell & Jerry D. Jones - October 05, 2010 at 01:16 PM

ND

“ *i am sorry for your loss W.D. and i had some good times at work*
GOD BLESS

nick dilliard - October 05, 2010 at 11:30 AM