



William Thomas Shipman

October 27, 1928 - October 15, 2023

William Thomas Shipman passed away at the age of 94 in Joshua, TX on Sunday, October 15, 2023. William was born October 27, 1928 in Folsom, Oklahoma, and was educated in the Folsom Grade School and Kenefic High School. He served in the US Army with the Construction Engineers from 1950 to 1952, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. He married Melba Jewell Galyon on June 4, 1954 in Borger, Texas. He probably got his start at Mason-Hanger Pantex, an atomic energy plant, because he could play third base in softball, and his new boss wanted to beat the Borger team. One of his greatest joys was coaching baseball to 8–12-year-olds for 13 years in the Borger Little League program. He loved bowling, golf, dominoes, card games, and anything with a little competition. After retirement Dub and Melba enjoyed traveling in their RV spending winters in the Texas Rio Grande and summers mainly at Red River, New Mexico. Their favorite pastimes included square dancing, trout fishing, and driving on jeep trails or riding their scooters. They built a new home in Coleman, Oklahoma to be nearer to their grandchildren, and were very active

in the Church of Christ.

WT is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 56 years, Melba. Their children are Don Shipman and his wife Kellie of Amarillo, TX, Rhonda Ingham and her husband John of Joshua, TX, and Ron 'Puckett' Shipman and wife Robin of Mansfield, TX. Grandchildren Sarah Ingham Garza and husband Robert, Cynthia Ingham, Jarrett Shipman and wife Taylor, Drew Shipman and wife Kaleigh, Ethan Shipman and Kyle Shipman. Great grandchildren Madelyn and Logan Shipman, RJ and Claire Garza, Kenzi and Stetson Shipman and Gracie Mae Shipman.

Funeral services to honor and celebrate the life of William Thomas Shipman will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at the Church of Christ in Coleman, Oklahoma. Interment to follow at Oak Grove Cemetery. Family hour will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at the Church of Christ in Coleman.

Cemetery Details

Oak Grove Cemetery

Previous Events

Family & Friends

OCT **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Church of Christ
Coleman, OK 73432

Funeral Service

OCT **25.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JV

“ John V. purchased a sympathy card for the family of William Thomas Shipman.



John V. - February 09, 2024 at 11:36 AM

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“ I am sorry that I did not see W.T.'s obituary earlier. My sons and I will forever be grateful that he cared enough to be a friend when needed. In 1954 W.T. drove to Coleman where he picked up his life long friend, J.C. Dean and took him to Gruver, TX to apply for a job with Phillips Petroleum Co. Of note, the company softball team needed a shortstop!

J.C. had returned from active duty in Korea where he served as a Marine. He had no car or way to actively seek employment. His first purchase after learning he had been hired was a 1954 Crestline Ford. J.C. lived with Melba and W.T. for six months. He retired as an employee of Phillips as did his son, Dennis J., and his grandson Jason carries on the tradition. He made an enormous difference in the lives of this family and we are thankful. We send our love to his family. Billie Dean Buckles, Alva, OK (My physician for my first baby was Dr. Ingram.)

Billie Dean Buckles - December 09, 2023 at 06:41 PM



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