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Graveside services for Thomas Perry Flanders, 81, of Longview will be 11 AM Wednesday at the Rosewood Park Mausoleum Chapel with Rev. Jonathan Jehorek and Dr. W. D. O'Neal officiating under direction of Rader Funeral Home. Entombment will follow in the Rosewood Park Mausoleum.

Mr. Flanders died Sunday, December 20, 2009 at a local hospital.

He was born in Marietta, Ohio to Karl and Virginia Flanders. They soon moved to the Ark-La-Tex where he attended Jr. High in Shreveport, LA, then settled in Longview attending and graduating from Longview High School. He received his BA degree from North Texas State University. Soon after graduation he was called into the United State Navy, being stationed in San Diego, CA. He served on the sub tender USS Sperry. He saw duty in Guam and Tokyo during the Korean War. Upon his return to Longview Tom married Mildred Ann Fogleman of Terrell, TX.

He and his father, Karl, founded Flanders Chemical Company in 1955, which his family still operates to this day.

An avid hunter and fisherman since boyhood he loved the outdoors, open water and being with his family. Especially the grandkids who called him "Bumps". Every year he looked forward to trips to south Louisiana with the Delta Fishing Club, that he was proud to be a member of. Golf was another sport he loved and was proud to teach his grandson how to play.

A lifetime member of First Presbyterian Church, he was a Deacon, Elder and Cub master. He supported and belonged to American Petroleum Institute API, Ducks Unlimited, Rotary International and Oak Forest Country Club.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mildred; son, Thomas K. Flanders; daughter, Sally Alldredge; grandson, Destin Alldredge and granddaughter, London Alldredge.

We wish to thank our longtime friend and employee, Kenneth Edwards and his wife, Billie for their love and support.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church or to a charity of your choice.



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Ben Degreen, Jr. posted:

Tom was one of my customers. He loved his family, to "hustle" drums of glycol, play golf, fish, and eat at Johnny Cace's. I used to laugh and smile at his funny stories. I enjoyed our times together as he treated me like a son and would delight in giving me a tour of his customers' gas dehydration units that he would service. He loved to sponsor "betting holes" at various local golf functions. It was humorous to go eat at Johnny Cace's and have Johnny sit down and talk with us about the next big fishing trip to Louisiana. It was even funnier to watch Johnny eat Tom's food as they would talk. One of my favorite memories was to take Tom and Peggy (Mildred) to the Country Tavern for ribs. Tom had never been there, but Mildred had. Tom didn't realize that she had been there to dance before they had met. It was funny to see his surprise at learning that after the many years that they had been married.

January 9 at 3:12 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts are with you, his family, at this time. God Bless you.##imported-begin##Stephen Lamb##imported-end##

December 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We offer our condolences in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Jim Young##imported-end##

December 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Mildred, Sally, and Tommy,It sadden me when today I learned of Tom's passing. I'm so sorry. My heart is open to you and you are in my prayers. God Bless!##imported-begin##Brian Williams##imported-end##

December 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Sally, Tommy and family,I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. Flanders must have been a very special and unique man to have such a wonderful family.My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Krista Taylor##imported-end##

December 22 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Tom has been a friend of our family forever. Mildred, we are so sorry.##imported-begin##Jack and Carol Park##imported-end##

December 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mildred, Tommy, and Sally I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed the times I was able to sit down and have a long visit with Tom. He was a good man and will be missed. You are in my prayers. Love, Randy##imported-begin##Randy Limbacher##imported-end##

December 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To Tommy's family. As a young boy, Tommy and I spent many hours hunting, fishing, and just being 'buddies'. The years passed, and I just learned today of his passing. God bless his soul and his family during this sad moment. Richard Dick Kennedy##imported-begin##Richard Kennedy##imported-end##

December 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Love you and love Tom. Blessings to all of you.##imported-begin##Betsy Campo##imported-end##

December 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mildred, Sally and family, and Tommy, Be Still Be still like the grass on a melancholy summer day Be still like desert shrub. Be calm and you will hear your loved one speak, in the stillness, in the calm, their love resounds. If you are still this promise I make, you will hear the voice of your loved one helping you along your way.##imported-begin##Brad Watkins##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Mildred, Sally and Tommy,As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends.##imported-begin##DAN YOUNG ##imported-end##

December 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mildred, Tommy & Sally! am sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you all.##imported-begin##Jason Melton##imported-end##

December 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

good man, good family my condolences to all##imported-begin##ben jones##imported-end##

December 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tommy,I am so sorry for you loss. I will keep you in my prayers.Best WishesTrisha Tree Frog##imported-begin##Trisha Browning##imported-end##

December 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sally and family, I am so sorry for your loss. God bless each and every one of you. Love ya.##imported-begin##Jamie O'Bryan##imported-end##

December 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Sally and Family:Sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I will be thinking of you all.##imported-begin##Carla Coley Matthews##imported-end##

December 20 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Mildred, Tommy and Sally, Bill and I were so sorry to hear about Tom. We will be lifting you in our prayers that the Lord will keep His loving arms tightly around you at this sad time. In His love, Sister and Bill Payne##imported-begin##Sister Payne##imported-end##

December 20 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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