



# Louis Kennedy

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**L**ouis Haden Kennedy, 93, much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather walked peacefully into the arms of our Lord on Tuesday, September 7, in Longview, Texas. He was born in Nacogdoches on November 16, 1927 to Lucy and George Kennedy Sr., the oldest of three children. Louis attended Nacogdoches public schools, then joined the US Navy, serving in World War II, which took him to the South Pacific and China. While serving in the Navy, he learned to repair watches, which was an invaluable skill he later used while working in the family drug store business, later to become a jewelry and gift store in downtown Nacogdoches.

Louis and wife Lucille moved to Longview in 1952 and opened Kennedy's Fine Jewelers. The downtown Longview business became a local icon, serving generations of customers for over 40 years. Louis served the community in various organizations, including Kiwanis, Knights of Pythias, his beloved church, and Longview Symphony's Prelude.

Louis was a devoted Christian and was a co-founder of Central Christian Church in 1965, later to become Longview Christian Church. Always quick to offer a story or witty quip, Louis had an infectious smile and laugh, and often kept friends and family entertained by telling tales of his antics as a youth. Louis was an avid outdoorsman and loved to camp and fish for weeks at a time with his buddies.

Following their retirement in 1991, Louis and Lucille traveled extensively and enjoyed their grandchildren. Louis was known affectionately as "PawPaw" and later became "PowPow" to his great-grandson because of the sound his suspenders made when (repeatedly) stretched and released. He will be remembered for his irrepressible humor, his unerring sense of duty, his hospitable and generous spirit, and his quiet, extraordinary wisdom.



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Along with his wife, Louis is preceded in death by his brother George Ernest Kennedy, Jr. and sister, Lucy "Sissy" (Kennedy) Canter. He is survived by his son Kenneth Kennedy and wife Raye of Longview; granddaughter Lauren Kennedy Smith and husband Clayton of Fort Worth; grandson Stuart Kennedy of Paonia, Colorado, and great-grandson Walker Haden Smith.

Memorial services will be held at Rosewood Park Cemetery Mausoleum on Monday, September 13 at 10:00 AM. A visitation opportunity will precede the service at the same location at 9:00 AM. Arrangements will be under the direction of Rader Funeral Home, with Troy Bayne of Longview Christian Church officiating.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in memory of Louis to Longview Christian Church Building Fund, 2400 McCann Road, Longview, Texas 75605 or a charity of choice.

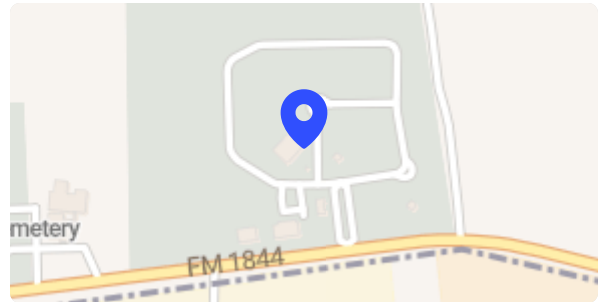


# Events

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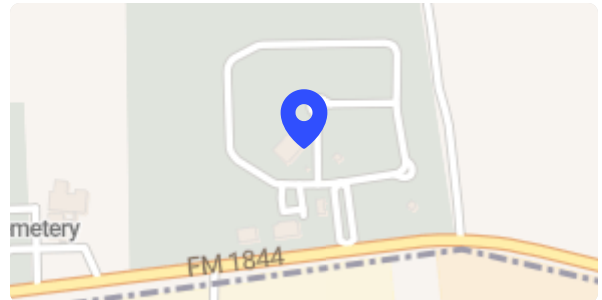
## Graveside Service

- 📅 **Monday**, September 13, 2021
- 🕒 10:00 AM CT
- 📍 **Rosewood Park Mausoleum**  
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605



## Cemetery Details

- 📍 **Rosewood Park**  
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





## Tribute Wall

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RW

**Randy Wyers** posted:

Wonderful kindness, great enthusiasm for life, special humor, infectious laugh, keen interest in others and devotion to his family and friends are just a few of the things missing from this earthly place with Louis' passing. What a special man!With our love and prayers, Evie and Randy Wyers

September 12 at 6:14 PM

GM

**Gene Mcwhorter** posted:

From Louis's companions at the Blue Hole country retreat:Richard Lucas: May he rest in peace. He had a full and good life.Dick Miller: My fervent thoughts and conscious spirit will be with Ken, Raye, and all of the Blue Hole brothers as this sacred soul is committed to his final rest. May God bless you all.Gordon Green: I was most impressed with his positive outlook on life, enjoying and treasuring his friends to the fullest extent. The world needs more Louis Kennedys. The Blue Hole flag will be at half-mast.Jim Taylor: God bless Louis, a fine and gentle man. He loved my granddaughter, Chloe, would always ask about her. I will miss Louis. God bless him in glory!Joe Carlisle: It was an enormous blessing for Louis to have been with the brothers at the Blue Hole on the evening of his departure. For him to have enjoyed that convivial atmosphere right before his death was a triumph of human existence. It is with gratitude for his fine company that I will remember him.Gene McWhorter: Louis was the light of the Blue Hole brotherhood. We will miss his wit and good cheer and remember him with affection forever.

September 12 at 1:07 PM

MM

**Margaret Fanning Musslewhite** posted:

First job I ever had was at Kennedy's ! I was 14 my dad had just died and they hired me for gift wrapping at holidays.. The families were very sweet to me. .

September 12 at 10:29 AM

JS

**Jan Park Shore** posted:

I extend my deepest sympathy to the family of Louis and pray Gods comfort on each one to make their time of mourning less painful. I have known this family for many years and Own some beautiful pieces of jewelry that Louis sold my husband Vernon over the years. He was always a happy person and a pleasure to know and love. He will be greatly missed. Sending sympathy and love to you Ken and Rae. Jan Park Shore

September 11 at 7:08 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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