



Sid (PePaw) Stafford

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Sid Stafford went home to be with Jesus on November 2nd, 2022. Sid was 103 years old. Sid was born in Madill, OK on July 30th, 1919, to Mae Marie and William Robert Stafford. Sid joined the army in 1941. Then after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Sid was sent overseas. Sid served as a mechanic in the 755th Tank Battalion for 4 years overseas. He was mostly in North Africa, and Italy. Sid knew that the Lord watched over him through many instances when he could have been killed and he always has expressed his overwhelming gratitude to God for allowing him to come back home. Sid was married to the love of his life, Nita Waldron on June 4th, 1951. They had been married for 68 years when Nita passed in March of 2019. Sid and Nita made their home in Raymondville Tx, where Sid grew cotton, grain, and other crops and Nita taught school until they started their family. In 1964, they moved to East Texas in Hallsville where Nita taught school and Sid worked at Jordan Employment Service in Longview until he retired at age 62. Sid and Nita raised three daughters Beverly, Brenda, and Beth. They both enjoyed gardening and for years had a huge garden at their house in Hallsville. They were always very involved in their church, First Baptist of Hallsville, where Sid served as Deacon and was the Sunday School Superintendent for many years. Sid always gave God glory for his life of 103 years. He always had a positive outlook on life and loved to laugh and spend time with his family. Sid was a loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Sid is preceded in death by his beloved wife Nita, his parents William Robert and Mae Marie Stafford, his sister Ruby Mcharen, his brother Junior Stafford, grandson Chad Johnson and Great grandson Alistair Valera. Sid is survived by his three daughters Beverly Johnson and husband Tillman, Brenda Barth and husband Jon, Beth Edwards, and husband Ron; grandchildren and their spouses Ashley and James Spurlock, Jennifer Banks Johnson and husband Robert Smith, Miranda and Jonathan Valera, Thomas and Sara Barth, Charity and Matthew Brisco, Rachel and Jay Shuler,



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Caleb Edwards; twelve great grandchildren plus one on the way. The family would like to thank Traditions Hospice of Longview for their love and excellent care of daddy these past few months. We especially wish to thank Lacaë, Robin and Melissa, Wayne, Donna, and others who had a part in his care.

There will be viewing Friday, November 4, 2022, from 5:30pm-7pm at Rader Funeral Home in Longview. A family conducted Celebration of Sid's life will be Saturday, November 5, 2022, at 1st Baptist Church, Hallsville starting at 11am. Graveside services will be Monday, November 7, 2022, at Memory Park Cemetery starting at 10am. Arrangements are under the care of Rader Funeral Home in Longview. An online memorial book may be signed at www.raderfh.com.






Events

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Viewing

-  **Friday**, November 4, 2022
-  5:30 PM - 7:00 PM CT
-  **Rader Funeral Home**
1617 Judson Rd., Longview TX 75601






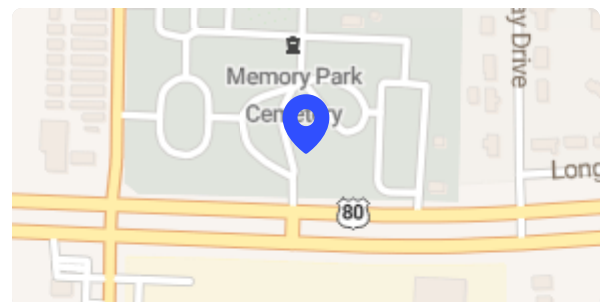
Family Directed Memorial Service

-  **Saturday**, November 5, 2022
-  11:00 AM CT
-  **First Baptist Church Hallsville**
Hallsville TX



Graveside Service

-  **Monday**, November 7, 2022
-  10:00 AM CT
-  **Memory Park Cemetery**
2823 E. Marshall Ave., Longview TX





Tribute Wall

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Dr. Keith Bellamy posted:

Our sincere sympathy to his family.

November 4 at 6:18 AM



Westlake Corporation - Longview sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Stafford family.



November 4 at 4:57 AM



Pamela Hickerson posted:

I worked for a couple of years at Jordan Employment Service as their receptionist and answered the 33 switchboard phone lines. I enjoyed working with Sid, Helen and the Jordans as they worked to place people in jobs that would improve their income and lives. Sid was such a wonderful person and a joy to work with. He helped many people improve their lives through more gainful employment. Pamela Hickerson

November 4 at 1:27 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Stafford family.



November 3 at 5:55 PM



Anonymous sent a Fairest of All to the Stafford family.



November 3 at 11:05 AM



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Martha Mohn posted:

Dear Stafford family, we have loved Sid for a long time. He and Nita were both such dear friends. We're grateful for his life, well-lived; he and Nita blessed us in many ways at FBC Hallsville and in the community. God bless you each as you learn to live without his earthly presence. He and Nita are rejoicing together in Glory with Jesus!! 🙏❤️ David and Martha Mohn

November 3 at 11:01 AM



Employees Of Aeromotive Services sent an America the Beautiful to the Stafford family.



November 3 at 10:07 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Stafford family.



November 3 at 6:55 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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