



## Mr. Lem Derrington

August 19, 1939 - August 11, 2025

Our rock and family patriarch, Lem Daniel Derrington, transitioned from his life with us, to his Heavenly home on August 11, 2025. He was born on August 19, 1939 to Mary Sue Sherman and Ike Hilton Derrington, in Cherokee County, Texas.

Services are Thursday, August 14, at Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home, Rusk. Visitation from 10 to 11, service following at 11, with Reverends Harold Dement and Robin Parsons. Masonic and Military services at graveside, Rusk Cedar Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers are Blake Derrington, Justin Derrington, Keith Norton, Ethan Norton, Scott Benefield, and Edward Martin.

Lem and Linda Norton met and married as teenagers, just celebrating 67 years as partners growing old together.

He grew up knowing that to succeed in life, you had to be strong willed, honest, and work hard.

Lem had a wealth of knowledge in numerous professions, including offshore pipeline with Brown and Root, building and dirt construction, cattleman and dairy farming, and was credited for sharing his knowledge and work ethics with so many. If you were speaking of him, a common response would be "I learned so much from Lem."

He was always ready to help in any capacity. He served as president of the Board at Gallatin Water Supply, a Board member at Craft-Turney Water Supply, Mayor for the City of Gallatin, Gallatin Neighborhood Crime Watch, Gallatin VFD, and ARMY National Guard. He was a a 50 year member of Euclid Masonic Lodge #45, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite, and Shiner.

Lem and family enjoyed a lifetime of hunting and making lifelong friends beginning in Sonora, to Pearsall, to the Bagley Hunting Club, and others.

Preceded in death were his parents and brother, James Derrington.

Left to cherish treasured memories are his wife, Linda, and sons Kenny and fiance Gaye, and Kelly. Those who lovingly called him Pot, grandchildren and families Amy and Scott Benefield, Keith and Samantha Norton, son Ethan Norton and AJ, daughter Kennzie and Micah Givens, daughters Ella Norton, Dallas Bouman; Blake and Priscilla Derrington, children Alena, Mallory, Conner, Hailey; Tara Derrington and Eddie Martin, sons Trey and Ethan; Justin and Brandy Derrington and son Lincoln.

Our family truly appreciates Lem's caring oncology team of Dr Sasha Davis, as well as Drs Sanford, Proctor and Weiner. Also the team from Heart to Heart Hospice, especially his nurse and friend, Courtney Holman who went far and above with her loving touch!

Pot, until we meet up yonder, we're checking out.

Linda D.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Hill Cemetery

Cedar Hill Cemetery  
Rusk, TX 75785

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

The Chapel of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home  
221 5th St.  
Rusk, TX 75785  
[info@wallacethompson.com](mailto:info@wallacethompson.com)

## Celebration of Life

AUG 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

The Chapel of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home  
221 5th St.  
Rusk, TX 75785  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Linda, we are sorry for your loss. Lem was one of a kind and a great teacher. His best trait was his ability to tell stories! James and I will cherish the ones we have of you and him from West Texas. Love you both!

-James & Monica Fisher

Monica Fisher - August 14, 2025 at 12:57 PM

JF

“ John Carroll and James Blankinship fam purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Lem Derrington.



John Carroll and James Blankinship fam - August 14, 2025 at 10:07 AM

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“ Suzy Stainback & Lorie Lough purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Lem Derrington.



Suzy Stainback & Lorie Lough - August 14, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Lem Derrington.

August 14, 2025 at 02:17 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Lem Derrington.



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“ Heartfelt Sympathies Blue & White Funeral Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Lem Derrington.



August 13, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Lem Derrington.

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“ Sandy & Obie purchased the Heartfelt Sympathies Blue & White Funeral Standing Basket for the family of Mr. Lem Derrington.



Sandy & Obie - August 12, 2025 at 08:24 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Lem Derrington.*



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August 12, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ *Linda I am so sorry bto hear about Lem. Sending love hugs and prayers your way. Many memories from Old Gallatin Store And Rusk Riders Club*

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**Jo B King** - August 12, 2025 at 04:24 PM