



William Earl Hughes

April 21, 1954 - September 22, 2020

William "Bill" Earl Hughes, 66, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 following an extended illness.

Visitation: 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, September 26, 2020 at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E Main Street, Grand Prairie, TX, 75050. A private committal will be conducted at a later date.

William Hughes was born on April 21, 1954, the oldest of 3 children of William Edward Hughes and Vera Mae Siebert Hughes. The son of a Marine, the family would live in various places during his early years. He would graduate from Sam Houston High School in Arlington.

At a young age, he began working for Glitsch Industries, now Koch Glitsch. He would remain there for the next thirty-seven years, working until the time of his retirement.

In 1991, he would meet Dora Gaona at work. They would be inseparable for the next twenty-nine years. They loved traveling, camping and attending classic car shows together. Very little made him happier than spending time in the travel trailer at various locations all across the country.

Survivors: wife, Dora Denise Gaona; children, William Earl Hughes Jr., Shelly

Nicole Hughes, Shan Naomi Hughes, Ben Castillo and his spouse Sarah, Tina Coppinger and her spouse Scott, Randy Gaona and his spouse Ashley; 13 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren and his 6 fur children, Chloe, Titan, Zeus, Achilles, Daisy and Belle.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond Dean Hughes and a sister, Vivian Hughes.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home
500 E. Main Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of William Earl Hughes.



September 25, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of William Earl Hughes.



September 25, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of William Earl Hughes.



September 25, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia* was purchased for the family of William Earl Hughes.



September 25, 2020 at 12:57 PM

LE

“ In 2001, the house next door to mine was finished being built and Bill Hughes & his family moved in. It has been one of the great pleasures of my life to have Bill as my next door neighbor.

I love all my neighbors and am on a first name basis with my immediate ones and many others in our small neighborhood, but I have known none as well as Bill. We have celebrated each other's successes and complained about our losses. We've discussed family, religion, politics, sports, cars, females, pets, lawns, trees, houses & the meaning of life and I can't remember even one time where we spoke a cross word toward one another.

We've stood guard for one another. We've loaned each other tools. We've called each other for many favors & have never owed each other a single thing. It's hard to imagine having a better neighbor. Whenever you have a neighbor like Bill, you feel like you've won the neighbor lottery!

I will miss him greatly and will remember him with his smile, chuckle & good cheer.

...and when you have the opportunity, choose to be a great neighbor like Bill. ❤️❤️❤️❤️

Lucas Elwell - September 25, 2020 at 02:22 AM

SC

“ To the man we knew around our house simply as PoPo, you will be greatly missed. For a complex man with a rugged and uncompromising exterior, only to be outmatched by a kind and generous heart, I say thanks. I will truly miss my Saturday evening football-watching buddy (Well, I watched while he usually took a nap, but still...). He will be missed by me and all of those who knew and loved him. With love and respect - Scott Coppinger

Scott Coppinger - September 24, 2020 at 09:53 PM

LE

“ I loved my Uncle Earl so much. Every time we saw him, he had a smile and something funny to say. He was a warm and wonderful person, who loved his family with all of his heart. My heart breaks for everyone who knew him and who won't be able to hug him again. For Dora and Willie, I know that he loved you to the last and you are both in my prayers. I love you all.

Laura Elder - September 24, 2020 at 08:52 PM

LF

“ Laura Elder and family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of William Earl Hughes.



Laura Elder and family - September 24, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Earl Hughes.



September 24, 2020 at 08:29 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Earl Hughes.



September 24, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of William Earl Hughes.



September 24, 2020 at 07:30 PM