



## Garry T. Boyd

May 25, 1948 - May 19, 2025

Funeral services for Garry T. Boyd, 76, of Gladewater, Texas, will be held at 1:00 pm, Friday, May 23, 2025, at Union Grove ISD Lion Center. Interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Park. The family will receive friends 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Thursday, at McWhorter Funeral Home.

Garry was born on May 25, 1948, in Greenville, Texas to Arthur Truman Boyd and Vera Bettye Boyd and passed from this life on May 19, 2025.

Garry graduated from Campbell High School in 1966. He earned his bachelor's degree from East Texas State University and his master's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Garry married Betty Jane Steelman on December 28, 1971. He was the agriculture science teacher at Union Grove ISD for 43 years before retiring. Garry enjoyed spending time with family, traveling, serving others, attending church activities, working in the barn, and showing livestock animals with the Union Grove FFA chapter.

His treasured accomplishments included being selected as the Texas winner of the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Award for outstanding Vo-Ag teacher in June 1987, having a student serve as Texas State FFA President in 1999-2000, awarded the Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence Honoree in 2019, and being inducted into the Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas Hall of Fame in 2022.

Garry was the epitome of selfless service to youth and agriculture in their community. His love for kids, livestock showing and agriculture has spanned

over 40+ years of service and impacted hundreds of youth and their families. Mr. Boyd truly enjoyed working with the youth and watching them grow in the show ring, classroom and life. Each youth knew he cared for their well being and success in life. He didn't just talk to parents about their children, he showed the youth they were valued. Mr. Boyd's former students benefited from his tremendous integrity, caring and kind spirit, competitive nature and winning attitude.

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The family would like to thank the Hospice Plus Care Team and Shaconena for taking such loving care of Garry.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Betty Boyd; son, Todd Boyd (November); daughters, Karen Potter (Michael), and Lisa Arrington (Jay); sister, Bettye Ann Humphries; grandchildren, Elizabeth Samples (Todd), Patrick Boyd (Nequoia), Jacob Boyd, Katherine Potter, Rachel Potter, Boyd Potter; great-grandchild, Story Samples; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Pallbearers will be Patrick Boyd, Boyd Potter, Jacob Boyd, David Humphries, Michael Humphries, and Larry Humphries.

Please visit Garry's online registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Park

1582 US Hwy 271 S  
Gilmer, TX 75645

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home  
1074 St. Hwy 300  
Gilmer, TX 75645  
(903) 734-7070  
[info@mcwhorterfh.com](mailto:info@mcwhorterfh.com)  
<https://www.mcwhorterfh.com>

## Service

MAY **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Union Grove Lion Center  
11220 Union Grove Rd.  
Gladewater, TX 75647

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Garry T Boyd Funeral Service



McWhorter Funeral Home - May 23, 2025 at 07:37 PM

JS

“ I first met Garry when he came to Union Grove HS, fresh out of college in January (I think) of 1970 to take over the Ag Program from (I think) Byron Spencer. He then spent a stellar career at the helm of an outstanding agriculture department at dear UGISD. I was in the 11th grade. He and Betty met soon afterwards and their Life together has been a beautiful example of "until death do we part" Love. The epitome of a Christian Gentleman, my Life is enriched for having known him all of these years. May he rest in the company of the Angels and Saints and may his memory be a blessing to all who knew him. Rest in Peace, my dear, dear friend.

Wayne Smith  
Union Grove, Texas

jerry smith - May 23, 2025 at 09:10 AM

RW

“ Ronnie, Judy, Bryan, Chase Wall purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Garry T. Boyd.



Ronnie, Judy, Bryan, Chase Wall - May 23, 2025 at 08:24 AM

RW

“ Ronnie, Judy, Bryan, Chase Wall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Garry T. Boyd.

Ronnie, Judy, Bryan, Chase Wall - May 23, 2025 at 08:24 AM

SB

“ Sending love, thoughts and PRAYERS at this difficult time.  
Terry and Sandra (Owens) Bibb

Sandra Owens Bibb - May 22, 2025 at 07:19 PM

KG

“ I always loved how he called himself Garry T Boyd American! It brought a smile to my face when he introduced himself to new people like that! His kindness and smile will be missed! Love to each of the family members during this difficult time! 💜💜



Kelsey Goughnour - May 22, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Garry T Boyd Memorial Video



McWhorter Funeral Home - May 22, 2025 at 05:38 PM

GW

*I really enjoyed working with Garry at UG. He was always pleasant and determined to provide the best for his students. Garry really enjoyed working with those kids and animals. I'm sorry to see him go. Come to find out, we had a few things in common as I was born in Commerce and received my bachelor's degree at ETSU, now A & M. Also, I'm the same age.*

*I guess I'll recognize Garry in Heaven; he'll be the one in the cowboy hat. Sincerely, Gwen Winters*

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**Gwen Winters** - May 22, 2025 at 10:59 PM

DH

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Betty we will keep you and the children in our thoughts and prayers. Dr. Mark & Christine Henry*

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**Dr. Mark & Christine Henry** - May 22, 2025 at 01:53 PM

TF

“ *Todd's GryphonESP family purchased the Laven der Reflections Spray for the family of Garry T. Boyd.*



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**Todd's GryphonESP family** - May 22, 2025 at 11:28 AM

DB

“ *Heartfelt condolences to you Betty. I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family.*



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**Darlene Hunter Barber** - May 22, 2025 at 09:20 AM

BM

“ Betty, I'm so sorry. Praying for you and your family.

Brenda McIntosh - May 22, 2025 at 05:07 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Garry T. Boyd.



May 21, 2025 at 09:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Garry T. Boyd.

May 21, 2025 at 09:51 PM



“ I am proud to have had Mr. Boyd as my AG teacher at Union Grove. There are no words to express the lives he touched and the legacy he left. Our prayers are for Betty their children and family at this time. May the Lord keep and comfort you at this time.

Clayton Venn - May 21, 2025 at 09:46 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Garry T. Boyd.



May 21, 2025 at 09:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Garry T. Boyd.

May 21, 2025 at 09:06 PM



“ Jenkins Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Garry T. Boyd.



Jenkins Family - May 21, 2025 at 08:23 PM



“ Donelle and I were very sad to hear that Garry passed. What a wonderful man he is and what an example he set. I will always remember his talk with the poem about the man in the mirror. I know he was a man that could look straight at that image in the mirror and know he had integrity. Please know we love u guys and offer our sincerest condolences. A. L. and Donelle

A. L Payne - May 21, 2025 at 07:22 PM



“ The Jerry Johnson & Biggs Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Garry T. Boyd.



The Jerry Johnson & Biggs Families - May 21, 2025 at 06:32 PM

TF

“ *The Jerry Johnson & Biggs Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Garry T. Boyd.*

**The Jerry Johnson & Biggs Families** - May 21, 2025 at 06:32 PM

PP

“ *Prayers for the entire family.*

**Pamela B Pyeatt** - May 21, 2025 at 06:10 PM

DW

“ *Dale & Claudia Williams purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Garry T. Boyd.*



**Dale & Claudia Williams** - May 21, 2025 at 04:18 PM

HF

“ *Humphries Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Garry T. Boyd.*



**Humphries Family** - May 21, 2025 at 03:53 PM

DW

“ We are praying for God's comfort during this difficult time.  
We loved Garry and will miss him from the family get-to-gathers in  
Glen Rose.  
Donnie is a cousin to Garry.  
Sending our love.  
Donnie and Elaine Williams  
1002 Cherrywood Ct.  
Cleburne, Texas 76033

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**Donnie Williams** - May 21, 2025 at 03:23 PM

CL

“ Curtis Littrell, Jr purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Garry T. Boyd.



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**Curtis Littrell, Jr** - May 21, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Garry T. Boyd.



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May 21, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Garry T. Boyd.

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May 21, 2025 at 02:37 PM

DC

“ Mrs. Boyd, we have no words in the loss of Mr. Boyd. He was so important to our family and considered a true friend for many, many years. Please know that you always have a friend in us.



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**Drew and Kathy Capps** - May 21, 2025 at 02:25 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Garry T. Boyd.



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May 21, 2025 at 01:31 PM