



George Carrol Dodd

June 23, 1942 - June 13, 2024

George Carrol Dodd, 81, was born in Gilmer, June 23, 1942, to H.M. and Laurice Dodd, and after a battle with cancer passed from this life on June 13, 2024, at his home surrounded by family.

A native of Upshur County, he grew up in the Enoch community and attended Gilmer Schools. He graduated from Gilmer High School in 1961 and then attended Stephen F. Austin State University. In 1964, he married his high school sweetheart, Claudia Lancaster. Together they raised four children, sons David and Jeff and daughters Tiffany and Colin. After Claudia's death, he married again to Judy Pennington Rehkop, the mother of three children, sons Byron and Bradley and daughter, Shana. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he served in various capacities including teacher, choir president, men's group leader, mission leader, Bishop of a local congregation, and a leader over multiple congregations in the northeast Texas area.

For more than fifty-five years, George enjoyed a career in the automobile business. He joined his father at his used car dealership in 1965 and together they transitioned it to a fleet resale operation, eventually becoming one of the largest in the nation. When his father retired in 1977, George and his brother-in-law, Tedd Austin, partnered to operate the company. During his career, he was actively involved in industry organizations. He served on the board of directors for the American Fleet and Leasing Association and as president of the National Association of Fleet Resale Dealers.

George was a board member and past president of the Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Gilmer Industrial Foundation board. For more than 40 years, he served on the East Texas Yamboree Association board where he oversaw the Queen's parade. He was also instrumental in the creation of the Yamboree car show. In 1990, he was president of the 53rd annual Yamboree. He has served on the board of directors of the First National Bank of East Texas since 1986.

In his leisure time, George enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends. He devoted many hours tending to his flower gardens. He was also an avid reader, particularly of books on historical topics or business-related issues.

He was preceded in death by his parents, H.M. and Laurice Dodd, his wife, Claudia Lancaster Dodd, and his sister and brother-in-law, Jeannine and Tedd Austin. He is survived by his second wife, Judy Pennington Dodd; his sons, David Dodd and Jeff Dodd (Emily) of Gilmer, daughters, Tiffany Dodd de Gala (Steve) and Colin Dodd Metler (Jeff) of Springville, Utah; grandchildren Stevie, Yabsera, Ashley, Emma, Melat, and Kailani de Gala; JaneAnne, MaryKate Patey (Connor), Hunter, and Ellie Metler, all of Springville, Utah; Atticus and Harper Dodd, of Gilmer; niece, Kim Austin, and nephew, Bart Austin (Veronica), all of Gilmer; stepsons, Byron Rehkop (Hope) of Troup, Texas, Bradley Rehkop (Cindy), of Cedar City, Utah, and stepdaughter, Shana Nelson (Clay), of Cedar City, Utah.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to George's recent caregivers, Brent Hayden and Zach Altis.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., June 19, 2024, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1122 W. Pine Street in Gilmer. Interment will follow at the Enoch Cemetery. The family will receive friends at a visitation on Tuesday evening, June 18, 2024, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at McWhorter Funeral Home in Gilmer.

Cemetery Details

Enoch Cemetery

3214 FM 49
Gilmer, TX 75644

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **18**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUN **19**. 10:00 AM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
1122 Pine St
Gilmer, TX 75644
(903) 843-3307

Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George Carrol Dodd*



McWhorter Funeral Home - June 18, 2024 at 11:20 PM



“ *1 file added to the album George Dodd Funeral Service*



McWhorter Funeral Home - June 19, 2024 at 04:07 PM

CN

“ *I am grateful to George for giving me my first job. I'm sure all of us kids that cycled through the dealership tried his patience and never made him money, but he was always good to us and was a great boss.*

George was generous in many ways. I never expressed my gratitude sufficiently to him. In lieu of flowers, I have made a donation on his behalf to the church humanitarian aid to honor his example of generosity.

Cindy Donnell Niederhauser - June 18, 2024 at 11:21 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George Carrol Dodd.



June 18, 2024 at 05:22 PM



“ May God through Jesus grant to each of you what only He knows is needed and what only He has the Power to give. 🙏🙏🙏
Willie Pearl & Bubba Brown



Willie Pearl Brown - June 18, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George Carrol Dodd.



June 18, 2024 at 02:25 PM

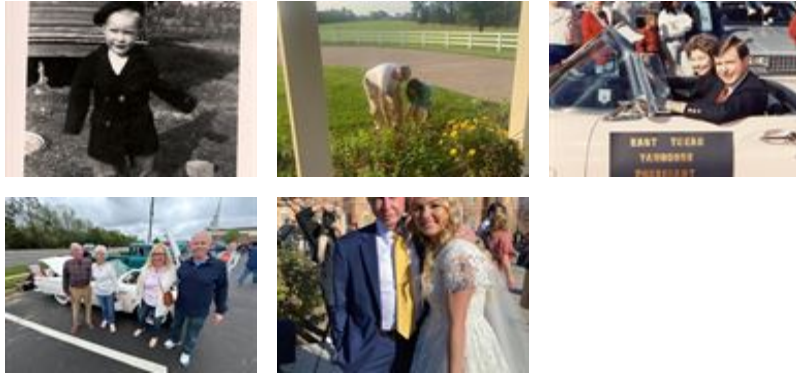


“ JaLynne and Gary Murray and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Carrol Dodd.

JaLynne and Gary Murray and family. - June 18, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ 96 files added to the album Life Tributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - June 18, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ 372 files added to the album Life Tributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - June 18, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ Hayley and Jeff purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of George Carrol Dodd.



Hayley and Jeff - June 18, 2024 at 11:35 AM

LE

“ Larry & Michele Bailey, Bruce & Ellie purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of George Carrol Dodd.



Larry & Michele Bailey, Bruce & Ellie - June 18, 2024 at 01:44 AM

LE

“ Larry & Michele Bailey, Bruce & Ellie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Carrol Dodd.

Larry & Michele Bailey, Bruce & Ellie - June 18, 2024 at 01:44 AM

TE

“ Timothy E. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of George Carrol Dodd.



Timothy E. - June 17, 2024 at 11:42 PM

TE

“ Timothy E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Carrol Dodd.

Timothy E. - June 17, 2024 at 11:42 PM

OM

“ Owen and Kelli Muse purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of George Carrol Dodd.



Owen and Kelli Muse - June 17, 2024 at 10:09 PM

JS

“ Joseph J. Schiavoni Corporate Claims Management / Vehicle Remarketing Specialists Inc 1094 Second Street Pike, 2nd Floor Richboro, PA 18954.

I have had dealings with Mr. George Dodd for many years, as I only met him personally once, and for a short time, I learned a lot from him over the years, and enjoyed many informative, lucrative, and entertaining phone conversations with him. I truly believe, in spite of his limited physical stature, his passing left a large hole in this world, and it is a lesser place, without him in it. God bless him and his family, he will always be missed.

Joseph Schiavoni - June 17, 2024 at 04:53 PM

TF

“ The Cuvelier Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of George Carrol Dodd.



The Cuvelier Family - June 17, 2024 at 04:03 PM

CM

“ Our deepest condolences from the family of Willie Arrington. Guy & Willie thought the world of George.

carolyn morgan - June 17, 2024 at 03:01 PM

KC

“ Kimberley C. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of George Carrol Dodd.



Kimberley C. - June 17, 2024 at 01:17 PM

KC

“ Kimberley C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Carrol Dodd.

Kimberley C. - June 17, 2024 at 01:17 PM

MF

“ Michael Lancaster and family purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of George Carrol Dodd.



Michael Lancaster and family - June 17, 2024 at 12:55 PM

MF

“ Michael Lancaster and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Carrol Dodd.

Michael Lancaster and family - June 17, 2024 at 12:55 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of George Carrol Dodd.



June 17, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ Gary, Tammy, Angie, Hayden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Carrol Dodd.

Gary, Tammy, Angie, Hayden - June 17, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ My condolences to the family.

Mack McLendon - June 16, 2024 at 10:13 PM



“ Rest easy Mr. Dodd from Bobby Robertson and family. We love you and we'll miss you💙



Pauletta Robertson - June 16, 2024 at 10:12 PM

BL

“ Bruce Lancaster purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of George Carrol Dodd.



Bruce Lancaster - June 16, 2024 at 08:57 PM

BL

“ Bruce Lancaster planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Carrol Dodd.

Bruce Lancaster - June 16, 2024 at 08:57 PM

WP

“ Willie P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Carrol Dodd.

Willie P. - June 16, 2024 at 05:58 PM

LW

“ Love Nicole and Douglas Williams purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of George Carrol Dodd.



Love Nicole and Douglas Williams - June 16, 2024 at 01:53 PM

LW

“ Love Nicole and Douglas Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Carrol Dodd.

Love Nicole and Douglas Williams - June 16, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ George was a great man, and a great brother-in-law. He has been in my life since I was 9 years old! In loving memory, my brother! Rest in Peace!

Donny Lancaster - June 16, 2024 at 01:04 PM

LR

“ George Dodd was a good man. He was always kind to me and helped me to stay on the road. I will never forget him.

Linda Lee Rumfield - June 16, 2024 at 11:07 AM

LR

“ Andy and I are so sorry to hear of George's passing. Our prayers are with his family



liz Richardson - June 16, 2024 at 09:15 AM

TL

“ The Lamoreauxs purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George Carrol Dodd.

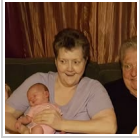


The Lamoreauxs - June 16, 2024 at 09:12 AM

MF

“ *Every time he would see me, he would ask if I was going to play my cello at the next program. He was always upbeat and genuinely cared when he was speaking to you. He will be missed!* ”

Marie Ford - June 15, 2024 at 07:06 PM



“ *George and Judy came to our Faith of our Fathers Choir practice last Sunday and it was such a joy to watch him as we sang. At one point he remarked that the songs were sure peppy. The same choir will be honored to sing at his services on Wednesday. There were many times over the last 11 years we have lived in Gilmer,, that they would stop by with a plate of cookies for us. He will be truly missed by all of us.* ”

Sharon Jones - June 15, 2024 at 03:33 PM

JK

George was such a special guy. Once when I was on the way to a luncheon with friends my car broke down. We were not far from his shop so we went there to call my husband . George said, take my car on and we did!! We brought his back later after driving it to Winnsboro. He also offered to bring members of his church over to pray for me. Bennie and I thought so much of him and always enjoyed when he would stop by. They were business associates and close friends for at least 40 years. Rest easy George. C u on the other side.

Janice killingsworth - June 15, 2024 at 08:40 PM

SS

Judy, and all the family, George certainly lived a full life in his 81 years. Prayers for all of you. ❤️

shelley stukas - June 15, 2024 at 09:23 PM

BG

George and I were first cousins and though distance separated us from regular in-person visits, the phone was our way to check in with each other and get a few minutes to visit. I will miss those conversations, but the cousin's love that we shared will never end.

Benton Gibson - June 16, 2024 at 05:46 PM

OL

*First Ted and now George. Gone are two distinguished pillars intent on things being right. It just seems things are no longer as secure. George was the source of several courtesies in my direction through the years. I'm very grateful for his example. The faith he cultivated in his family now has another opportunity to pay dividends. May it be so.
Orval Lindsey.*

Orval Lindsey - June 16, 2024 at 11:03 PM

MB

When I told my Dad, Bruce Belville, of George's passing, he was saddened. He said George always made a point of noticing him and had kind words of encouragement every time. Judy, I am so grateful for the happiness that both of you have had that will continue beyond the veil.

Michele Bailey - June 18, 2024 at 01:10 AM