



## Norman Theodore Hastings

February 2, 1937 - June 2, 2024

Memorial services for Norman Theodore Hastings, 87, of Gilmer, Texas, will be held at 2:00 pm, Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at First Methodist Church, Gilmer, with Reverend Matthew Smith officiating. The family will receive friends at 1:00 pm prior to the service. Arrangements are under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home.

Norman was born on February 2, 1937, to Alton Theodore Hastings and Evangeline Agnes Pierce Hastings in Independence, Kansas, and passed from this life on June 2, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Norman married Deana Kirkman on April 21, 1957, in Coffeyville, Kansas. He owned and operated a meat market in Kansas for many years and was a school board member for 10 years. In 1987, Norman and Deana moved to Gilmer. He was the meat market manager at Brookshires for 18 years before his retirement. He was a member of Kiwanis, and First Methodist Church, Gilmer, Texas, where he was part of the Methodist Men and the Wesleyan Sunday School Class. Norman traveled to 22 countries and most of the United States. He enjoyed spending time with his family, gardening, camping, and his farm animals.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Deana Hastings; sons, Kirk Hastings (Cheryll), and Keith Hastings (Shari); daughters, Kelly Hastings Knight (Bart), and Kristy Hastings Lilley (Chris); grandchildren, Kody Hastings (Jen), and Nikki Hastings, Deana Knight Lisenby (Colby), Johnna Knight, Kaylyn Knight, Rachel, Ryann, and Jonathan Lilley, Tony and Debbie Horsch,

and Katy and Brian Smith; great-grandchildren, Jack and Elliott Lisenby, and Caleb, Madelyn, and Tommy Cahill; sisters, Karen Woods (Dale), Patsy Pfeifer, and Lois Pfeifer (Dick).

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, James, Jack, and Edwin Hastings; and sister, Phyllis Horton.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bart Knight, Chris Lilley, Kody Hastings, Jonathan Lilley, Colby Lisenby, and the Wesleyan Sunday School Class.

Memorial donations can be made to First Methodist Church, 105 N.

Montgomery St., Gilmer, Texas 75644, or Leukemia Lymphoma Society, [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org).

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church, Gilmer  
105 N. Montgomery St  
Gilmer, TX 75644

## Service

JUN 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CW

“ I remember working with him in the meat market at Brookshire's in Longview (the OLD #45) I was just a young teen and he was an encouragement to me.

He was a very dear man. My sincerest condolences to all of the family.

carol (jones) williamson - June 06, 2024 at 09:02 AM

KF

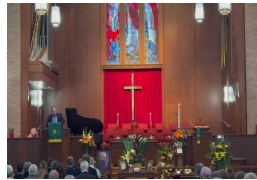
“ I had the privilege of working with Norman at Brookshires. He was a very kind and nice man to work with and could always make people laugh.

He also was very genuine . He loved his family and church . My thoughts and prayers are with the family . He will be sorely missed . Rest in peace Norman .

Karen Finney - June 05, 2024 at 10:50 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Norman Hastings Funeral Service



McWhorter Funeral Home - June 05, 2024 at 05:06 PM

PW

“ What a friendly soul Norman was! I am sorry to learn he has left us, but he had a good, long life.

Phillip Williams - June 05, 2024 at 12:10 PM

MW

“ Mary W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Theodore Hastings.

Mary W. - June 04, 2024 at 08:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Norman Theodore Hastings.



June 04, 2024 at 05:38 PM

EF

“ Ed, R0bb, Sambo family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Theodore Hastings.

Ed, R0bb, Sambo family - June 04, 2024 at 05:38 PM

TB

“ One of my favorite memories of Norm: When I was much younger, Norm asked me one time if I wanted to go out and feed the cows with him. Sure, seems pretty straightforward. A little feed here, maybe some molasses there. But ole Norm instead pulled out a box of Donuts, and the cows came running. Turns out he used to feed them donuts every day.

Norm always, always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. As if there was always a joke he was about to tell you. I got so used to his young spirit, I think I just assumed he would live forever. You will be missed, Norm. Sending much love and strength to Deana and the rest of the family!

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**Thomas Burns** - June 04, 2024 at 04:41 PM

JJ

“ Uncle Norman. A true original. Goodhearted, down to earth, he bore malice to no one. He always had a sly twinkle in his eye. Quick with a smile, a laugh, a joke. Always humble, and the amazing family he raised up is a testament to what a wonderful person he was. He will be terribly missed by all who knew him.  
Jack and Susie Jernigan

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**Jack Jernigan** - June 04, 2024 at 04:30 PM



“ 95 files added to the album Life Tributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - June 04, 2024 at 04:27 PM



“ Jane Wesolowski sent a virtual gift in memory of Norman Theodore Hastings



Jane Wesolowski - June 04, 2024 at 02:34 PM



Keith and Shari, I'm so sorry for your loss....My condolences... 🙏😊

Jane Wesolowski - June 04, 2024 at 02:37 PM



Thank you Jane ❤️

Shari Hastings - June 04, 2024 at 03:16 PM

AT

“ Amanda Truax, Tague Patrick & Dirk Truax purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Norman Theodore Hastings.



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**Amanda Truax, Tague Patrick & Dirk Truax** - June 04, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norman Theodore Hastings.



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June 04, 2024 at 01:13 PM

WB

“ Wesley and Kathleen Bishop planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Theodore Hastings.

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**Wesley and Kathleen Bishop** - June 04, 2024 at 01:13 PM

LF

“ Love, Katy Smith and Family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Norman Theodore Hastings.



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**Love, Katy Smith and Family** - June 04, 2024 at 08:00 AM

WC

“ *With Sympathy and Love, Peggy and Charee purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Norman Theodore Hastings.*



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**With Sympathy and Love, Peggy and Charee** - June 03, 2024  
at 11:56 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman Theodore Hastings.*



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June 03, 2024 at 11:35 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Norman Theodore Hastings.*



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June 03, 2024 at 07:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman Theodore Hastings.*



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June 03, 2024 at 06:13 PM