



## Mr. Roger Bankston

January 30, 1943 - January 11, 2018

The family of Roger Bankston, 74, of Gladewater will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 12p.m. Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at the chapel of McWhorter Funeral Home in Gilmer. Interment will be in the DFW National Cemetery at a later date.

Roger was born January 30, 1943 in Bloomsburg, PA to David and Kathryn Bankston and passed away Thursday, January 11, 2018 in Longview.

He was an electrical engineer and honorably serviced his country in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, Roger's love of electronics continued throughout his entire life. He was an avid reader, was fascinated by World War II, and was licensed as an Amateur Radio operator for over 50 years.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, DeBorah Lynn Bankston; siblings, Mark Woodall, Donna Cisco, Billy Willoughby, Elizabeth Wiggins, and Kathleen Miller; children, Dawn Bankston-Troiani, Nicole and Mustafa Popal, Tyrle McDaniel, Samantha and Christopher Gerke; grandchildren, Marissa Troiani, Sitara and Sofia Popal and Nathaniel Gerke, as well as numerous dogs.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **16**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home  
1074 St. Hwy 300  
Gilmer, TX 75645  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Roger Bankston.*



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January 15, 2018 at 02:37 PM



“ *Dad had SUCH a love of animals! Once Tyrlle caught someone's pet cockatiel on the football field, and "Chesty" came home with us. Dad would greet him with "Dirrr-ty bird!" So every time Chesty got loose in our house, he'd sing "Dirrr-ty bird!" And look for Dad. If Dad was home, he would go directly for his favorite perch... right on top of Dad's head. Didn't matter if Dad was sitting or standing, that nice shiny soft head of hair is where Chesty wanted to be.*

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**Samantha Gerke** - January 14, 2018 at 05:52 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Roger Bankston.*



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January 14, 2018 at 05:27 PM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Roger Bankston.* ”



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January 14, 2018 at 05:12 PM