



## Tommy Bankston

November 14, 1950 - April 22, 2024

Funeral services for Tommy Bankston, 73, of Gilmer, will be held at 11:00 am, April 27, 2024, in the Chapel of McWhorter Funeral Home with Pastor Matthew Smith officiating. Interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Park. The family will receive friends 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Friday.

Tommy was born on November 14, 1950, in Marshall, Texas, to Henry and Billie Rhyne Bankston and passed from this life on April 22, 2024, in Tyler, Texas, surrounded by his family.

Tommy married Sandy Bates, on August 6, 1971, at First Methodist Church of Gilmer. He worked at Texas Eastman for 37 years before his retirement.

Tommy was a member of First Methodist Church.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Sandy Bankston; son, Bryan Bankston, and his wife, Kellie; brother, Tony Bankston, and his wife, Sherry; grandchildren, Mattie Bankston (Austin Morgan) and Landry Bankston; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; son, Brent Bankston; brother, Timmy Bankston; and his grandparents, Urban and Lois Rhyne.

Pallbearers will be Bryan Bankston, Landry Bankston, Huse Gunn, Austin Morgan, Doogle Summers, and Jason Barber.

Honorary pallbearers Tony Bankston, and Gilmer High School Class of 1969. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to First Methodist Church, 105 N. Montgomery, Gilmer, Texas 75644, or Hospice of East Texas Homeplace, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas, 75701.

Please visit Tommy'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

APR **26**. 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)  
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## Service

APR **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Mary Bankston- Hall and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Tommy Bankston.



Mary Bankston- Hall and family - April 27, 2024 at 08:37 PM



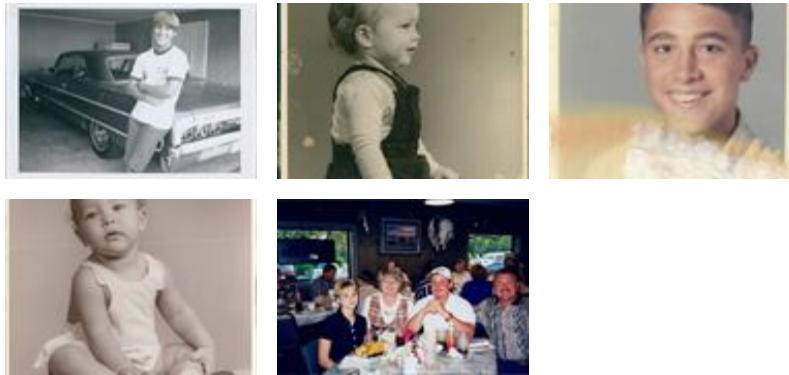
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McWhorter Funeral Home - April 27, 2024 at 03:05 PM



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McWhorter Funeral Home - April 26, 2024 at 12:23 PM

GF

“ Gary Dorsey and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Tommy Bankston.



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**Gary Dorsey and family** - April 26, 2024 at 06:42 AM

DF

“ Dane Goddard and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Bankston.

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**Dane Goddard and family** - April 25, 2024 at 11:10 AM

DF

“ Dane Goddard and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Tommy Bankston.



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**Dane Goddard and family** - April 25, 2024 at 11:10 AM

RW

“ Robert and Melissa wells planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Bankston.

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**Robert and Melissa wells** - April 24, 2024 at 08:10 PM

RW

“ Robert and Melissa wells purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Tommy Bankston.



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**Robert and Melissa wells** - April 24, 2024 at 08:10 PM

RW

“ It’s going to hard around our neighbor hood....Not seeing our very close friend Tommy,coming around on his riding mower, checking on his neighbors and friends, cooking me catfish and hush puppies and fries,I’m going to miss that for sure,and coming down to Roberts shop and sit and talk and have a drink.We’re going to miss him dearly....Sending our condolences to Sandy and Brain and the whole family, with love Robert and Melissa Wells

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**Robert and Melissa Wells** - April 24, 2024 at 07:59 PM

RT

“ Reggie & Vicki Tucker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tommy Bankston.



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**Reggie & Vicki Tucker** - April 24, 2024 at 06:08 PM

RT

“ We would like to extend our sincere Condolences to Tommy's family and friends. We moved in across from Tommy 4 years ago. We will miss the "Mayor" of our little cul-de-sac. He would ride around on his John Deere mower and check on everyone most every day. We will miss his jokes and sense of humor. We could depend on him to mow our lawn and watch over our home if we were out of town. God bless Tommy and his family. Rest in peace. Love Reggie and Vicki Tucker.

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**Reggie Tucker** - April 24, 2024 at 05:31 PM

RB

“ *Mr Bankston  
Was a favorite patient of mine at Regional  
Cardiology. He was always a blast to visit .  
His smile & laughter will be missed ...  
Prayers for strength and comfort for his family  
Fly high Brother*



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**Rhonda Brasher** - April 24, 2024 at 02:18 PM

DB

“ *Heartfelt prayers for you Sandy and the rest of  
the family. There are not enough words to tell  
you how sorry I am for your loss. Sending love  
❤️❤️ hugs 🤗🤗 and prayers 🙏🙏🙏🙏💖💖*



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**Darlene Barber** - April 24, 2024 at 12:37 PM

LI

“ *Tommy made work a fun place to be. I will never forget when my  
shift tricked Tommy in to thinking he won the lottery. He will be  
missed by all who knew him. Im so sorry for his familys loss.*

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**linda** - April 24, 2024 at 11:35 AM

DB

“ To the family: Prayers go out to all of you & I'm so sorry to hear about Tommy's passing. I worked with him for 30+ yrs at Eastman in the cracking plants & had many fond times working on Shift#2 with all the gang. He will be missed by so many work friends, but all the memories will be treasure for a lifetime. Keep Jesus in your hearts. With sincere deepest sympathy,  
Donna Blanton  
White Oak



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**Donna Blanton** - April 24, 2024 at 11:35 AM

TE

“ Makes me so sad to see this- worked with Tommy for many years. Never a dull moment with Tommy around- loved him!

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**Tommy Edgar** - April 24, 2024 at 09:49 AM

BH

“ Tommy, thanks for being a friend, good co-worker, hunting partner, fishing partner over these years of my life. My God be with your family and friends at this time. RIP Big T.

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**Brent Hale** - April 24, 2024 at 06:31 AM

MM

“ I was so sad to learn of Tommy's passing. So thankful to have known Tommy and worked with him in the cracking plant. He was a blessing to Royce and I and a loyal friend. I'm so sorry for your loss Sandy. Lifting you and your family high in prayer during the coming days.

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**Martha Ford McKinley** - April 23, 2024 at 07:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tommy Bankston.*



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April 23, 2024 at 04:19 PM



“ *Sandy you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Worked with Tommy for many years at Eastman. Tommy always had that big grin many memories of Tommy.*

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**Dianna & Danny Bryant** - April 23, 2024 at 02:37 PM