



Obituary



Grady Claude Sessums

August 10, 1937- May 7, 2017

Grady Claude Sessums of Vernon TX, passed away Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 79 years of age.

Grady was born August 10, 1937 in Vernon, TX, as the 5th of 7 children of Orville Claude Sessums and Bonnie Beatrice Cox Sessums. He moved to Sweetwater, TX where he graduated from High School. In shop class at high school, he and his classmates built working cannon and blew out 1 entire wall of the shop. At his 35th high school reunion, everyone was surprised to hear of his career in law enforcement as they all thought he would have ended up in prison.

After high school, Grady became a jet mechanic in the U.S. Air Force While stationed in Arizona, he met Sandra Maureen Mailliard on June 8, 1960. and he brought her "home" to Texas.

He became a Texas DPS state trooper and was stationed in Houston, TX and later Del Rio, TX. He took college courses at Sul Ross State University. In June 1969, he passed the exam to become a Texas Ranger and was stationed in Del Rio. In the mid 1970's he became a Texas Ranger Sergeant and transferred back to Houston, TX. Several years later, he was promoted Captain and was assigned to stay in Houston.

He retired from Texas DPS in 1982 and worked as Director of Security for KSA Industries, arranged security for the Houston Oilers and owned an RV Park..

