



## Virgil Edgar Lilley

October 17, 1939 - December 1, 2021

### VIRGIL EDGAR "ED" LILLEY

Virgil E. Lilley was born on October 17, 1939, in west Texas near Lubbock, where his family farmed. His father was Virgil Thodore Lilley, and his mother was Mary Agatha Wynn Lilley. The family moved to Lampasas in 1947, when he was only 8, and he has called this town home ever since. He grew up on the family farm outside Lampasas and went to school here, graduating in 1957, the year of the big flood.

After high school he attended Tarleton State College, which is now Tarleton University in Stephenville. He joined the ROTC there, then transferred to Texas A&M at College Station. He graduated in 1961 and went into the U.S. Army.

While he was in the Army, stationed at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas, a buddy asked him to go to Austin on a blind date. It was a triple date, and as the girls were coming down the elevator, Ed said, "I get the tall one!" And he did! Laura Sue Parks was the tall one, and they married in 1964 in Goliad, Texas, where her family lived. They would enjoy life together for 57 years.

Next it was off to Germany and the life of the U.S. Army. The joke in the Army is that when you get stationed in Germany, you always come back with a clock

or a child, or both. The Lilleys came back with a daughter, Heather, and several clocks. A couple of duty stations later, Stewart, their son, was born in Michigan. A few more years and a few more duty stations saw them in Pennsylvania, ready to retire. Ed wanted to come home to Lampasas in 1981 after retiring as a LTC from the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps. He had completed tours of duty in Korea, Texas, Germany, Michigan, Washington, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Vietnam, among others.

While managing the family ranch, he became active in civic activities, serving on the City Council and many city boards and committees. He also taught eighth grade Earth Science at Copperas Cove Junior High for eight years before being elected and serving two four-year terms as Lampasas County Judge. During his service as County Judge, he was proud to have spearheaded and overseen the restoration of the Lampasas County Courthouse.

Ed and Sue both retired to the ranch together in January 2007, where they enjoyed many activities associated with Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists.

Ed fought bravely against cancer for almost five years, eventually dying peacefully early in the morning of December 1, 2021, at Rollins-Brook Hospital in Lampasas.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Wilma Faye Reeves, and her husband, Macel Reeves.

Ed is survived by his wife, Laura Sue Lilley of Lampasas, two sisters: Patsy Reichhardt, and brother-in-law Hal Reighhardt, of Shiner, Texas, and Dr. Lin Lilley of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Other family includes his daughter, Heather Foreman, and son-in-law, Mike Foreman, of Lampasas, his son Stewart Lilley and daughter-in-law Elizabeth Lilley, also of Lampasas, and two grandsons, Chris Foreman and Mikey

Foreman, of College Station, Texas.

# Cemetery Details

**Oak Hill Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

New Covenant Church  
1604 Plum Street  
Lampasas, TX 76550

### Funeral Service

DEC 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ I knew Edgar when I was a freshman at Tarleton. I, and another freshman from Burnet, had a corner room on the top floor of Bender Hall - near where Edgar posted notices and other information. Edgar was the student in charge of that floor - a position we referred to as the ramp \_\_\_\_\_. We were required by another 2nd year student to burn all notices that Edgar placed on the bulletin board area (they were paper) before he got back to his room. He knew we were doing it but knew if we didn't the other 2nd year student would whip us with a coat hanger. To his credit, Edgar knew we were doing it but let it go, saving us a great deal of pain. We were also required to flood the dorm out every so often by running the water in the custodian's closet. Since we were on the top floor, it resulted in flooding the entire dorm. If a person lived in Bender Hall you never went to bed at night leaving anything on the floor that you didn't want to get wet. Edgar just helped us sweep water out of the dorm the next morning and didn't say anything to us. Edgar did look out for us freshmen even though he was an upper classman. I also went to A&M, but didn't see him very much there. I wasn't aware Edgar was looking to make a career in the active Army. I also had a career in the Army, but it was two years active duty then 36 years in the reserves and national guard. I still think of Edgar every now and then concerning how he made life a little easier on us freshmen at Tarleton. He was a good guy and I know he will be missed.



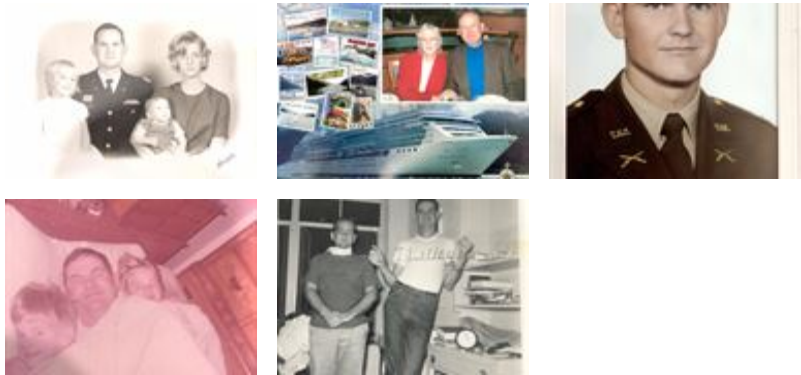
Darrel P. Baker  
MG (Ret)  
936-394-6674

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Darrel Baker - December 14, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ 29 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fulton Family Funeral Home - December 03, 2021 at 11:40 AM

EK

*Condolences to the family. May God give you comfort and peace.*

Elaine Kelley - December 04, 2021 at 12:24 PM

SS

*I'm lost for words , just finding out that we lost one of the most outstanding citizens in Lampasas , he was all about fairness and justice , my heart is heavy just thinking that he's no longer with us , may he rest in peace*

SFC Ret Charles E Drayton Sr. - January 28 at 12:17 AM

SS

*Stood with me when I really needed him most*

SFC Ret Charles E Drayton Sr. - January 28 at 12:22 AM

JG

“ *Sorry to hear Ed passed away. Condolences to the family. I enjoyed the years Ed and myself served on Lampasas City Council.*

*Jerry & Linda Grayson*

Jerry Grayson - December 03, 2021 at 01:25 AM

LB

“ Love Tammy and Ed Brown purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Virgil Edgar Lilley.



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**Love Tammy and Ed Brown** - December 02, 2021 at 10:22 AM

PW

“ When Ronnie Alexander and I were Freshman at LHS in 56/57, we were the shortest boys in high school. The school paper took and posted this photo of us with Edgar, he was a senior. My condolences to the family and RIP Edgar



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**Phil Wolber** - December 02, 2021 at 09:08 AM