



## Dorsey Eldridge Messer Jr.

August 22, 1938 - November 8, 2016

### Dorsey Messer

Services for Dorsey Eldridge Messer, Jr. 78, of Lubbock will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, November 10, 2016 at the Quaker Avenue Church of God with burial to follow at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at Sanders Funeral Home on Wednesday evening from 6-8:00 p.m. He passed away on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Dorsey was born August 22, 1938 in Lee County, Alabama to Dorsey, Sr. and Bessie Messer. He married Gwenlyn Ann Barfield and came to Lubbock in 1963. He worked for 9 years with Nubro Ball Bearing Manufacturing and 20 years with Lee Lewis construction as quality control inspector and safety officer. Prior to coming to Lubbock he served in Korea with the United States Air Force 58th Communication Group as code operator. After his Korean Tour, he was assigned to a research group in the Florida Weapons and Missile Division. Dorsey transferred to White Sands Missile Range in the early stages of the Space Program and Balloon Capsules Flights. After the tour with the USAF he entered the United States Navy. While stationed in Maryland, he participated in the inauguration parade for President John F. Kennedy, with the unit representing the US Navy. He was assigned sea duty aboard the USS Notable MSO 460, which was an ocean going mine sweeper. While serving aboard, MSO 460 took part in the Realm of Project Mercury Recovery Force that recovered Alan Shepard USN first earth space orbit. Dorsey was preceded in death by his wife Gwen; and 2 sons, Mark and Joel. He is

survived by a daughter, Cynthia Montose of Colorado; brother, John E. Messer of Lubbock; 7 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park

15602 Loop 493  
Woodrow, TX 79423

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
(806) 763-6433  
director@sandersfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

## Service

NOV **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Quaker Avenue Church of Goid  
4320 53rd Street  
Lubbock, TX 79413

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Shawn & Barbara Smith & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dorsey Eldridge Messer Jr..*



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**Shawn & Barbara Smith & Family** - November 08, 2016 at 08:33 PM