



Dr. Dilford Carter

March 7, 1930 - April 9, 2026

Dr. Dilford Carter, a beloved educator, devoted husband, and cherished father, passed away peacefully at his home in Ransom Canyon, Texas, on April 9, 2026, at the age of 96. Born on March 7, 1930, in Abilene, Texas, Dilford lived a life rich in service, dedication, and love.

A proud Texan, Dilford graduated from high school in Corpus Christi before pursuing higher education at Southern Methodist University and Texas A&M University, ultimately earning a Master's Degree. He began his teaching career at Texas A&M, where his passion for education inspired countless students. Dilford later took on the role of Associate Dean at Texas Tech University, where he continued to influence the academic community until his retirement.

During the Korean Conflict, Dilford proudly served in the U.S. Military, demonstrating his commitment to his country. Following his military service, he embarked on a new journey when he married the love of his life, Sigrid Fischer, on June 17, 1967, in Los Angeles, California. Together, they built a life marked by adventure and exploration, eventually operating Envoye Travel Agency side by side, where their shared passion for travel allowed them to explore the world together.

Dilford is survived by his beloved wife, Sigrid; his daughter, Kathleen Carter;

and his sons, Campbell and Scott Carter, and several grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Noah and Lucy Carter, two brothers, and two sisters, who await his reunion in eternity.

A visitation will be held at Sanders Funeral Home , Wednesday, April 15, 2026 from 5-6 pm and the Holy Rosary will be recited at 6 pm in Sanders Memorial Chapel. A Mass in his honor will take place at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 10:00 AM. Burial will be conducted at the West Texas Veterans Cemetery in Lubbock at a later date

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Lubbock or St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Slaton, honoring Dildford's unwavering faith and community spirit.

Dr. Dildford Carter leaves behind a legacy of kindness, wisdom, and a deep appreciation for life that will resonate within the hearts of all who knew him. He will be profoundly missed but forever remembered.

Cemetery Details

West Texas State Veterans Cemetery-Lubbock

4614 East 50th Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **15**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Mass

APR **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
9821 Frankford Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79424

Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Dilford and I were office mates from 1961 to 1964 in the Wildlife Department at TAMU. I was working on my MS and he on his PhD. I enjoyed his company and many stories and opinions. During that time he was also my professor for mammalogy. I'm having trouble placing it in time because I was also a fellow faculty member between 1968 and 1972, but at some point, he and I took a brief trip to Bracken cave and several other free-tailed bat caves in Texas--a great experience. I'm very sorry to hear that we've lost him. My best wishes to Sigrid. Donald Clark*

Donald Clark - May 06 at 08:43 PM

KR

“ *Sweet Sigrid - You and Dilford had the love story that we all strive for. So sweet and lovely. I know you miss him with all your heart. May God's peace and comfort carry you.*



Katherine Rasco - April 15 at 09:32 AM

MB

“ *Maralyn Butler lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dilford Carter*



maralyn butler - April 14 at 10:05 PM

MS

“ I will miss hearing his stories of serving in combat during the Korean War. There were battles he fought in where he did expect to survive. He was a real American Hero and a great scientist and researcher academically. Thank you sir, may you rest in peace!

Mark Stripling - April 14 at 08:49 PM



“ To one of the most interesting men I've ever known, I grew up with you being my neighbor, and I couldn't be more grateful. You're stories we always the most interesting ones! I thank God that I got to know you so well. The world has lost a great man and mind!

Amber Biram-Hillstrom - April 14 at 07:02 PM