



## Russ

February 7, 1956 - April 25, 2018

A celebration of the life of Russell Mark Igo, 62, of Lubbock will be Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 10:30am, at St. Paul's on the Plains Episcopal Church, in Lubbock, with The Rev. James Haney V, and the Rev. J. Edson Way, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:00pm-8:00pm, Tuesday, May 1, at Sanders Funeral Home. Please celebrate the life of Russell by visiting [www.sandersfuneralhome.com](http://www.sandersfuneralhome.com).

Russell passed away on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at Covenant Hospital, in Lubbock, TX, surrounded by his family, after a long illness.

Russell was born February 7, 1956, in Lubbock, TX, to Dorman Gunter Igo and Crystal Fern Anderson Igo. He was raised in Lubbock, graduating from Monterey High School, in 1974, after which he worked construction for Hap Padgett Construction at the Texas Tech School of Medicine building project. He attended Texas Tech University with a major in business. Russell had one brother, Stephen Douglas Igo, who died in August of 1980.

Russ eventually trained to be a registered gemologist, and began working with his family's business, Anderson Bros. Jewelers, in the 1980's, with his parents and uncles. The Lubbock business was founded by his maternal grandfather, J.C. Anderson, in the early days of Lubbock. In 1991, Russ opened his own jewelry store, Russ Igo Jewelers, for seven years. Eventually, Russell traded

his retail job for the stock market, serving as a financial advisor until 2011. Russell was a man's man who enjoyed racing motorcycles, welding, woodworking, riding his horses, and especially camping with friends and family and mountain trails in the Colorado Rockies, where he spent much time during his childhood and adult life. Russell had a special gift for making people laugh. His gift of gab and his sense of humor made him a great storyteller, telling funny tales about his childhood and Lubbock area history, especially stories about his great-great uncle, Green Igo, who was one of the first to raise cattle on a ranch in what is now Lake Ransom Canyon. He was a student of World War II history, and identified greatly with the old west.

Russell served the Lubbock community through his yearly work with the Junior League of Lubbock Holiday Happening; The South Plains College Advisory Board; Leadership Lubbock; and the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. Russell was raised at Broadway Church of Christ, where he attended with his parents in his youth. He became an active member of Calvary Baptist Church, with his previous wife, Susan Hallman Igo Martin, being actively involved in youth camping at High Plains Baptist Assembly, and Royal Ambassadors of God; and was a member of St. Paul's on the Plains Episcopal Church, where he served as an usher and greeter. He and Nancy were high school friends, dated in the 1980's briefly, and were finally married on October, 08, 2006, at St. Paul's, where she was active and eventually served as an ordained deacon.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents, Dorman and Fern Igo of Lubbock; his brother, Stephen Igo of Lubbock; and his grandparents, Jess and Laura Igo, and J.C. and Lola Jewel Anderson, also of Lubbock; as well as numerous uncles and aunts.

Russell is survived by his wife, the Rev. Nancy Elle Igo; his two sons, Garrett Igo (Gracie) of Mont Verde, FL; and Gunter Igo (Amber) and their daughter,

Olivia Rose, of Lubbock; his nephews Grant Birdwell (Carlye) of Austin; Marcus Birdwell (Kora) of Austin; Blake Birdwell (Elaine) of Willow Park, TX; and his niece Amanda Birdwell Hodges (Brooks) of Guthrie, TX; his uncle, Gordon Anderson of Lubbock; as well as numerous Igo and Anderson cousins in Texas and beyond.

Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association, or to the Children's Home of Lubbock.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 2. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My friend of so many years, I can no longer recall not knowing him, I am profoundly saddened.*

*How do I remember Russell? Always the Gentleman, BIG smile, softspoken and kind in his words. Russell was that guy who had to push on to the next hill, to see what was on the other side.*

*I know that he has made it, God Bless.*

*Michael Tarver*

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**Michael Tarver** - May 01, 2018 at 11:52 AM

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*Thatsmycousinthatimissimmenselywhatagenius*

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**Penny** - January 30, 2024 at 09:04 AM

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“ *Russell was my cousin and I remember riding with him on his motor cycle when I was in High school and early years of College. He will be missed even though I hadn't kept up with him latey.*

*Laura Anderson Skains*

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**Laura Anderson Skains** - April 30, 2018 at 06:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Russ.*



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April 30, 2018 at 01:09 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Russ.*



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April 29, 2018 at 11:50 PM



“ *Russell Igo was my cousin and about 4 years older than me. I currently live in Indiana and it has perhaps been 30 years since I have seen or spoken with him. I am sad to hear of his passing and it seems far to soon. I am sure his family misses him and I offer my sincere condolences to them at this sad time. Since Russ was older than me I have many a keen memory of doing fun activities for the first time with him. I remember listening to many, many records together in the late 1960's and early 70's. Especially the Doors, "Light My Fire" for the first time while sitting in a dark room with a black light, surrounded by glowing posters. He definitely loved the outdoors and I also enjoyed doing many things with him at my Aunt and Uncle's ranch off the caprock. I know he will be missed and I was saddened to hear of his passing.*

*Scott Anderson*

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**scott anderson** - April 29, 2018 at 07:58 PM