



Tommy Craig Spitzer

March 1, 1956 - February 7, 2025

Tommy Spitzer, born on March 1, 1956, in Lubbock, Texas, passed away on February 7, 2025. He leaves behind a loving family, including his wife, Michelle Spitzer; his son, T.C. Spitzer, and wife, Samantha; his daughter, Chelsea Brady, and husband, Blake; and three cherished grandchildren, Abbey Spitzer, Barrett Brady, and Baylor Spitzer.

Tommy never met a stranger he had a way of turning every encounter into a friendship. His warmth, humor, and genuine kindness made a lasting impact on everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. An avid fisherman, he never missed an opportunity to cast a line, no matter the body of water. His love for the outdoors was only matched by his love for his family, especially his grandchildren, and the many young lives he touched through his work at church.

Throughout his career, Tommy dedicated himself to the cotton gin and fuel industries, always bringing his signature enthusiasm and work ethic to everything he did. His greatest goal in life was simple but profound: to have fun and enjoy every moment to the fullest. Even in his last 18 months, though not as he had hoped, he remained steadfast in his desire to make the best of every day and to treasure the time spent with loved ones.

Tommy's legacy of love, laughter, and adventure will live on in the hearts of all

who knew him. His family finds comfort in knowing that he lived life on his own terms, embracing every opportunity to find joy and share it with those around him.

A memorial service to celebrate Tommy's life will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 1:30 PM at Lakeridge Methodist Church in Lubbock, TX. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor his memory by donating to Lakeridge Methodist Church, Children's Ministry, or sharing a story, casting a line, or simply taking a moment to appreciate the people around you, just as Tommy always did.

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 11. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Lakeridge United Methodist Church
4701 82nd St
Lubbock, TX 79424-3236
(806) 794-4015

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Tommy Craig Spitzer



Sanders Funeral Home - February 10, 2025 at 12:39 PM

RW

“ Tommy was a great friend and we shared a bond as customer/vendor both ways through the years.

Randy Weaver - February 12, 2025 at 05:31 PM

“ Michele, TC and Chelsea. The obituary captures the essence of Tommy. Perfectly written! The thing I would like to add about Tommy is his heart was as big as the outdoors that he loved. I know this is going to sound weird, but remember who it's coming from, I dreamed about Tommy last night. I'll share the dream and then the thoughts I had today. My hopes in sharing is that you will get a few chuckles.

Dream/true story

Tommy, my dad and I went fishing. Tommy used to have a crazy cast that scared me. He told me not to worry he was being careful. First thing I knew, he caught me by the shoulder. At this point in life I'm wondering if he's pulling me towards him.

True fishing story #2-Deep sea fishing in Corpus

We caught soooooo many fish, our guide packed them in massive coolers and iced them down. We got to the airport and found out we had more fish than we wanted to pay to get home. We decided one cooler was enough. Tommy being Tommy, opened the cooler and started asking people if they wanted raw fish and I thought he was wasting his time. Nope, he gave away the complete massive cooler of fish. Hindsight we should have driven. Our fish fry would have been larger.

True fish story #3

Tommy told my dad and I he found us a great place to fish. The first chance we got we took off with our poles. Tommy's directions were great! The problem was the fence was locked. No problem, Tom and I took fence apart and dad drove through. Tommy assured us he had permission. We started fishing and a pick up pulled up. The biggest fella you have ever seen got out and used some special language asking us what we thought we were doing. Tommy never missed a beat. "You invited me! I asked if I could bring a couple friends and you said yes". The guy said, "When?" "Was I drinking?" The following question was, "How'd you get in?" Then he said, "Enjoy yourselves". We got the prettiest perch you have ever seen on every cast. When we left my dad told Tommy, "don't you ever do this to me again". Rudy survived World War 2 and thought he was going to die over fish.

True story #4. One morning real early Tommy was driving us home and got stopped by a police. The nice officer said, young man, where do you live? Tommy literally pointed across the street. The officer said, "give me your keys and walk home". Tommy replied, "I'd be much safer driving. ". The officer took his keys and had me drive home.

I would have attended Tommy's service but I have the flu.

Mark

Tommy was a great dancer back in the day and those puppy dog eyes that totally said, "You can't believe a word I'm saying " And tonight after 45 years of marriage I find out Tommy was responsible for talking Mark in to accompanying him the night we met. Mark was planning on staying home and Tommy insisted. Imagine that, good time Tom.

LaNita

Mark and LaNita LaFon - February 11, 2025 at 10:18 PM

LT

“ *Lauren Westerberg & the CASA team purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Tommy Craig Spitzer.*



Lauren Westerberg & the CASA team - February 11, 2025 at 10:44 AM

DR

“ *TC, please know we're here if we can help in any way. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Karen and Darrell Robertson.*

Darrell and Karen Robertson - February 10, 2025 at 08:00 PM

PJ

“ Pam and Cory Jester purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Tommy Craig Spitzer.



Pam and Cory Jester - February 10, 2025 at 07:35 PM

PJ

“ Pam and Cory Jester planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Craig Spitzer.

Pam and Cory Jester - February 10, 2025 at 07:35 PM

LS

“ Love you PopPop, Dale & Jenny Shannon purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Tommy Craig Spitzer.



Love you PopPop, Dale & Jenny Shannon - February 10, 2025 at 05:18 PM

SF

“ Strickland / Garcia Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tommy Craig Spitzer.



Strickland / Garcia Family - February 10, 2025 at 04:54 PM

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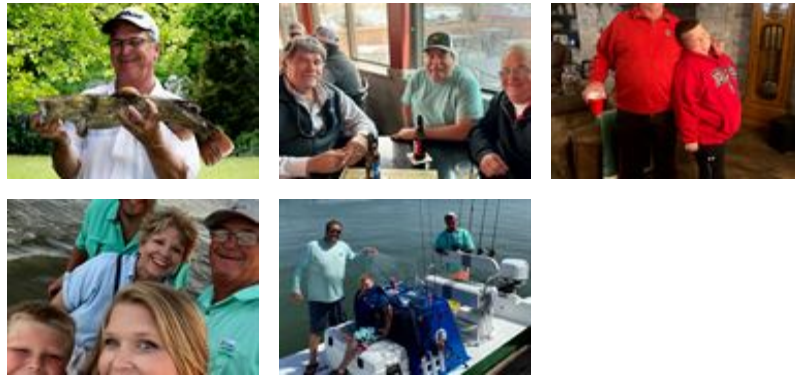
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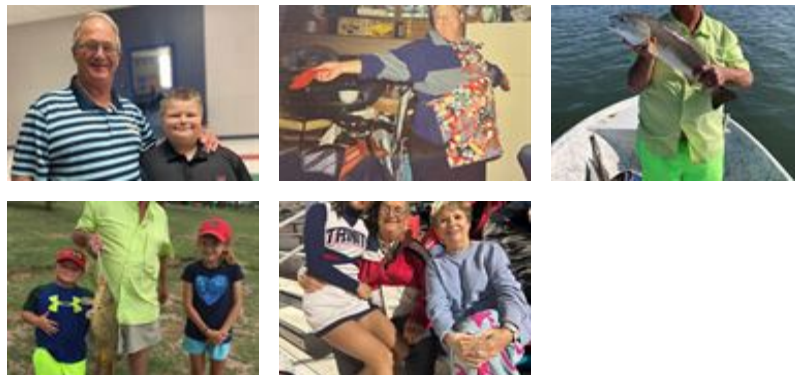
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Sanders Funeral Home - February 10, 2025 at 12:36 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - February 10, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ Tracy and Reagan Beck purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Tommy Craig Spitzer.



Tracy and Reagan Beck - February 09, 2025 at 11:40 PM

TB

“ Tracy and Reagan Beck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Craig Spitzer.

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