



**Claude “Pete” Cuniff, Jr.**  
**August 14, 1927 - February 26, 2019**

Celebrating the Life of  
**Claude “Pete” Cuniff**  
Saturday, March 2, 2019 2:00 p.m.  
First Baptist Church  
Winnie, Texas



*“Softly and Tenderly”*  
by Joey and Rory

Obituary  
Reverend Brian Johnson

Eulogy

Prayer

*“Amazing Grace”*  
by Elvis Presley

Message and Reflections  
Reverend Kenneth Hodges

Closing Prayer  
Reverend Wanda Cuniff

*“Go Rest High on that Mountain”*  
by Vince Gill



Claude "Pete" Cuniff, Jr., 91, of Winnie, died Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at The Arboretum of Winnie. He was born to Claude Clifton Cuniff, Sr. and Nancy Belle Young, on August 14, 1927, in Big Hill. Pete loved gardening and was an avid sports fan, especially the Rockets, Astros, and Cowboys. He loved meeting people and never met a stranger. Pete's love of travel took him to all fifty states, as well as Canada and Mexico. He was an extremely devoted father and grandfather.

In 1944, Pete left school at the age of 16, and joined the Navy. He served as an electrician's mate on the USS President

Hayes, a troop transport in the Pacific Theater. He participated in the battles of Saipan, Guam, Leyte Gulf, and Okinawa. He was a member of Veterans of Underage Military Service and the VFW. His children and grandchildren were always intrigued by the tattoos on his arms: one was the Texas Star and the other a Navy anchor.

Survivors include his wife, La-Nell Cuniff, of Winnie; and his children: Troy Cuniff and his wife, Wanda, of Nacogdoches; Vicki Bauer and her husband, Tim, of Winnie; Lois Griffiths and her husband, Ian, of Lumberton; and Travis Cuniff, of Humble. Also, he is survived by his stepchildren: Sandra Chambers and her husband, Steve, of Montgomery; Tommy Tucker and his wife, Cathy, of Devers; Sally Shirley, of Bixby, Oklahoma; Jimmy Tucker and his wife, Maureen, of Ocean Springs, Mississippi; Alan Tucker and his wife Anjolie, of California; his grandchildren, Joe Cuniff and his wife, Kelli; Claire Ripper and her husband, Eric; Lance Bauer and his wife, Lisa; Cody Bauer; Brooke Bozarth and her husband, Major Cooper Bozarth; Nicole Reck and her husband, Matt; Michelle Smalley and her husband, Harry; Amanda Nabors and her husband, Ernest; Robin Moore; Devin Cuniff; Laura Benoit and her husband, Glenn; and Heather Cuniff; thirty-four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pete is preceded in death by his first wife, Molly Lee Barnett Cuniff; and nine brothers and sisters.



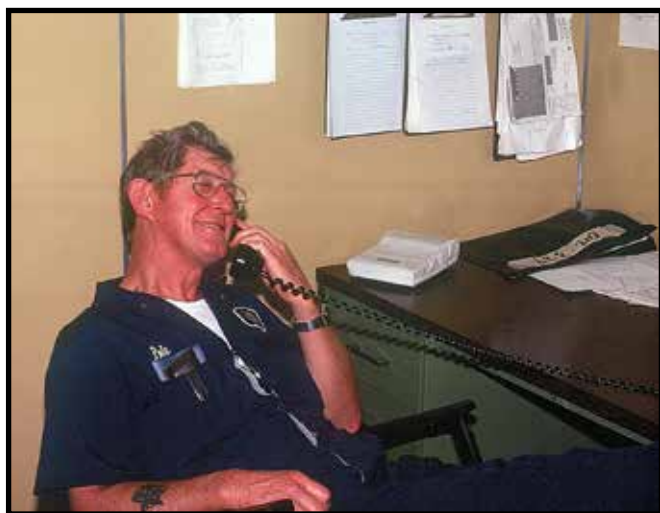
















**Pallbearers**

Lance Bauer

Cody Bauer

Joe Cuniff

Claire Ripper

Nicole Reck

Michelle Smalley

Amanda Nabors

Lauren Benoit

**Honorary Pallbearer**

Brooke Bauer Bozarth

**Interment**

China Cemetery

China, Texas

**Military Honors**

Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group



Please sign Mr. Cuniff's guest book and share your memories at  
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