

## Celebrating the Life of Thomas Leonard Stafford "Ole Blue"

Saturday, August 5, 2017 10:00 a.m. Broussard's Chapel Nederland, Texas

Opening Song "How Great Thou Art" Carrie Underwood
Vince Gill

Words of Grace Reverend Randy Carrion

Greeting

Obituary

Prayer

Remembrances Poem: "Dust If I Must" Danny Stafford Family and Friends

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Hymn "Go Rest High On That Mountain" Vince Gill

Scripture Reading John 14 Reverend Randy Carrion

Meditation

Closing Hymn "Because He Lives" The Gaithers

Masonic Rites

Closing Prayer Reverend Randy Carrion

Benediction



Thomas Leonard "Ole Blue" Stafford, 85, of Village Mills, died Tuesday, August 1, 2017. He was born on January 11, 1932, in El Reno, Oklahoma, to Ethel Ann Palmore Stafford and Roy Leonard Stafford.

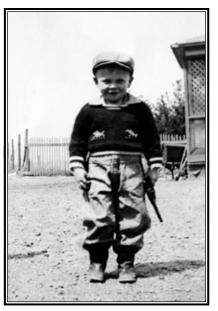
Thomas graduated from El Reno High School, in Oklahoma, in 1949. He served as Drum Major in their marching band. Thomas served in the United States Navy from 1951 until 1955, aboard the U.S.S. Hornet CPA-12 Air Craft Carrier and achieved the rank of Aviation Machinist Mate – Petty Officer Third Class – AD3. He graduated from Southwestern State College at Weatherford, Oklahoma, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, Physics, and Biology in 1958. Thomas was a member of United Methodist Church Village Mills. He enjoyed singing in the choir. Thomas claimed to be the oldest student pilot in the state

of Texas. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, painting, drawing, golf, flying, woodworking, clowning with the Shriners, and traveling to visit with his family and friends. Thomas was a fifty-year member of Port Neches Masonic Lodge #1163. He was a Past High Priest of Port Neches Chapter #436. Thomas was a member of the Port Neches Council #413 and Beaumont Commandry #38. He was also a member of the Cashan Grotto in Beaumont. Thomas was a 32° Scottish Rite and a member of El Mina Shrine in Galveston. He was past president of Nem Loof Mid County Shrine Clowns and was an Endowed Member of All Bodies.

Survivors include his sons, Tim Stafford and his wife, Zethria, of Vidor; Joe Stafford and his wife, La Rue, of Woodville; and Danny Stafford and his wife, Kim, of Nederland; daughter, Jeannie Richard and her husband, Eddy, of Groves; grandchildren, Curtis Stafford, Amber Brunson, Cody Stafford, Jake Stafford, Tiffany Johnson, Carlee Stafford, Jamie Stafford, Lindsey Richard, Avie Walling, and Allie Richard; great-grandchildren, Cambry Stafford, Carson Stafford, Canon Stafford, Ethan Robinson, Jax Robinson, Riley Johnson, Rowan Johnson, Mac Walling, Wells Walling, and Huckston Denham.

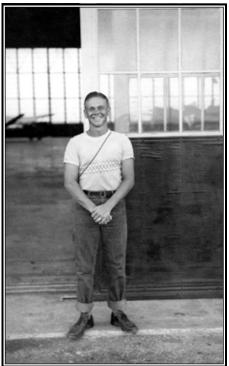
He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife and mother of his children, Freda M. Stafford; wives, Patricia Ruth Stafford and Marceile Stafford; and grandson, Tim Stafford, Jr.







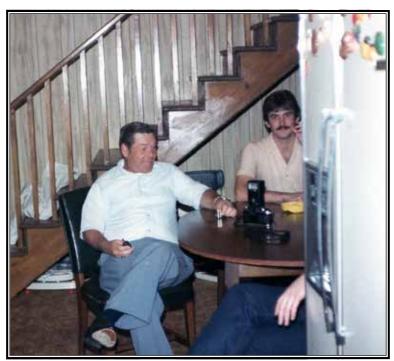






















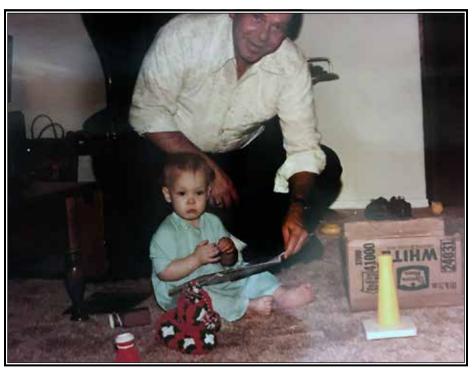










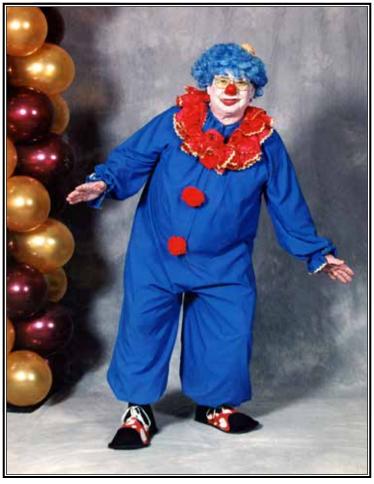




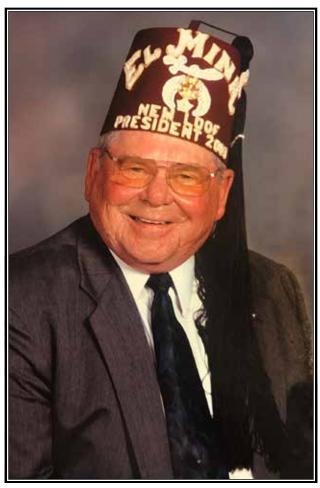
















## **Pallbearers**

Representatives of Area Lodges of AF/AM of Texas

## Interment

Oak Bluff Memorial Park Port Neches, Texas

## **Memorial Contributions**

First United Methodist Church Children's Fund 5943 FM 3063 Village Mills, Texas 77663

> First Christian Church 400 S Barker Ave. El Reno, Oklahoma 73036

Military Honors by Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group





Please sign Mr. Stafford's guest book and share your memories at www.broussards1889.com