



Dexter Rhey Polk

January 18, 1931 - August 14, 2023

Dexter Rhey Polk, 92, of Houston, TX, passed away on August 14th, 2023.

He was born

January 18th, 1931 in Taylor, TX to Velma Louis Echols Polk and Dexter Rhey Polk Sr.

Dexter's early childhood included moving around often as was commonplace in the oil patch.

The family eventually made a home in Alice, TX. Dexter graduated from William Adams High

School in 1948. After graduating, Dexter attended Texas A&I in Kingsville, TX where he was

president of his fraternity, Kappa Sigma Nu, and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration.

Dexter's professional career included many accomplishments. He worked for over 20 years for

Dresser Industries which included numerous management positions. In the 1960's he lived in

Calgary, Canada and oversaw operations throughout the Rocky Mountains. After leaving

Dresser Industries, Dexter moved back to Alice, TX to become Senior Vice President of Pride

Oil Well Services. As Senior Vice President, over the next two decades, Dexter was

instrumental in the operations of the company and the overall growth.

Dexter lived life to the fullest. He had a passion for aviation from a very young age. He earned his pilot's license in his late teens and became multi engine and instrument rated, going as far as to accomplish a commercial pilot's certificate.

While living in Canada, Dexter developed a love of skiing which he continued throughout his life.

He enjoyed the outdoors and traveling with his wife, Mary Ann. Two of his fondest memories were when he and Mary Ann traveled to the Holy Land as well as a cruise on the Danube River.

Dexter was an avid golfer and after retirement enjoyed playing regularly with a close group of friends.

Dexter is survived by his wife Mary Ann (Sykora), sons, Mark, Myles, Matt and Kevin (Dariela); Grandchildren, Rawley Anne, Isabel, Liam and Katalina. He is preceded in death by his sister Louis Hammock.

Visitation begins at 10 a.m. Monday, the 21st of August at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, 304 W Church St. El Campo, TX 77437, with a Rosary recited at 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery in El Campo.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to your church or charity will be appreciated.

The family thanks Caring Touch Hospice and Cornerstone Caregiving for all the help and support they provided.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories

US Business 59 and CR 358
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Philip Catholic Church
304 W. Church Street
El Campo, TX 77437
<http://stphilipapostle.org/>

Rosary

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Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ Aunt Mary Ann; Kevin and Family;
We are so sorry for your loss. Uncle Dexter was always very special to us and we have wonderful memories. We will miss him greatly!
Sending lots of love; hugs and prayers.
Love y'all,
James and Sonya



James Wright - August 19, 2023 at 03:19 PM

JL

Mary Ann. I enjoyed being a part of Dexter & Ray's Pride Petroleum/Sierra Production Services crew for many years. I was promoted into Wyoming and then took over the operations in Evanston, WY. Dexter was always so helpful for sharing his knowledge of business with me. I had no idea he had passed. My sincerest condolences to you and the rest of the family. John Lunsford. Bakersfield, CA

John Lunsford - January 11, 2025 at 01:47 PM

FT

“ Frances Moore Toman lit a candle in memory of Dexter Rhey Polk



Frances Moore Toman - August 19, 2023 at 12:01 PM

CK

“ Our continued thoughts and prayers are with Mary Ann and the rest of the Polk family during this time. It was a pleasure to assist Dexter. - Cornerstone Caregiving-Katy

Cornerstone Caregiving Katy - August 18, 2023 at 11:10 AM

LS

“ Leita S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dexter Rhey Polk.

Leita S. - August 18, 2023 at 11:06 AM

MB

“ Life is so different without your long-time partner. Knowing your family will stand with you on this new journey. Prayers and love sent to you and your family. Toodie Brady

Maureen Brady - August 17, 2023 at 05:13 PM

JH

“ Praying for Mary Ann the family at this time of loss.



Jean Henderson - August 17, 2023 at 04:53 PM

SP

“ Shirley Venglar Popp lit a candle in memory of Dexter Rhey Polk



Shirley Venglar Popp - August 17, 2023 at 04:35 PM

MG

“ I met Mary Ann And Dexter on Mediterranean cruise. That was the beginning of our 25+ year friendship. I will miss you Dexter. Mary Pat Gentry

Mary Pat Gentry - August 17, 2023 at 02:48 PM

LF

“ Linda F. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dexter Rhey Polk.

Linda F. - August 17, 2023 at 11:28 AM