



George Michael Thigpen

October 28, 1946 - March 31, 2018

George Michael Thigpen, 71, of El Campo, passed away March 31, 2018. He was born on October 28, 1946 in Huntsville and was a U.S. Army Veteran.

Michael graduated El Campo High School in 1965 and Wharton County Junior College in 1967 with an Associate of Arts degree. In 1971, he received his Bachelor of Science degree at Sam Houston State University. He taught two years at Bay City ISD as a math teacher/coach, and three years in Edna teaching high school math. Michael then attended DeVry Institute of Technology where he received his Bachelor's in Electronic Engineering of Technology. After receiving his degree in 1979, he worked at NASA and then South Texas Project (nuclear plant). Later, he returned to teaching where he retired in 2007.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Whorton Thigpen of El Campo; son, Jeffrey Thigpen and wife Lisa of Richmond; daughter, Jenny Holcomb and husband Pres of Kingwood; mother, Joyce Hines Thigpen of El Campo; grandchildren, Kyle and Carter Holcomb; brother, David Thigpen and wife Rose of Palacios and numerous nieces and nephews.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, George Edward Thigpen.

Visitation begins 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 at Triska Funeral Home with

family receiving visitors from 5-7 p.m. Memorial services begin 11 a.m. Thursday, April 5 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Richard Young officiating.

Pallbearers will be Larry Payne, Rocky Hamman, Duane Schroedter, Curtis Moore, Lee Johnson, Leon Macha and Nicholas Gonzalez.

Memorial donations may be made to First United Methodist Church, Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, PO Box 5014 Hagerstown, MD 21741 or Houston Hospice – El Campo.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Family Will Receive Visitors

APR 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
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Memorial Service

APR 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Methodist Church
1001 Avenue I
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I just found out about Mike’s passing. I remember him when he taught math at Edna High School. He was a great teacher and outstanding individual. He always had a smile and engaging personality that students and parents could relate to. He will be missed by all that knew him.

*John Decker
Seguin, Texas*

John Decker - May 28, 2018 at 09:15 PM

JB

“ Jeff, Rachel, Riley and Parker Bickar purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of George Michael Thigpen.



Jeff, Rachel, Riley and Parker Bickar - April 04, 2018 at 02:04 PM

LA

“ Lisa Brooks & Betsy Amestoy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George Michael Thigpen.



Lisa Brooks & Betsy Amestoy - April 04, 2018 at 01:05 PM

LA

“ *Lisa Brooks & Betsy Amestoy purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of George Michael Thigpen.*



Lisa Brooks & Betsy Amestoy - April 04, 2018 at 01:05 PM

HG

“ *I am so sorry to hear the sad news. I will always treasure the memories of the adventures and good times we had growing up. Had no bad times, all good. May God be with the family in this sad time. Hansford Glaze*

Hansford Glaze - April 04, 2018 at 11:15 AM

VH

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Thigpen family.*

*Vickie & Paul Holub
Class of '65*



Vickie Holub - April 04, 2018 at 11:14 AM

HG

“ *Hansford Glaze purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of George Michael Thigpen.*



Hansford Glaze - April 04, 2018 at 10:57 AM

AW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I have the best memories of our time as battery mates on the high school baseball team. District Champions, 1965. I owe all my success on the mound those years to this man behind the plate. When I would get into trouble I could always count on that smile I could see through that mask as he would call the next pitch and assure me it was the right one. I always had the outmost of confidence with him calling any pitch at any time. Thanks for all the great memories.

Andy Waligura

Andy Waligura - April 03, 2018 at 10:38 PM

MO

“ Mike has been a bright light in my life every week for the past 4 years. His sense of humor and love for life is a memory I will always cherish. I will forever be one of his Dixie Chicks. May he ride with the angels eternally.

*Love and prayers,
Michelle Olsovsky*

Michelle Olsovsky - April 03, 2018 at 09:50 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Michael Thigpen.



April 03, 2018 at 03:34 PM

YG

“ *Your Small Christian Group purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George Michael Thigpen.*



Your Small Christian Group - April 03, 2018 at 03:23 PM

BM

“ *Deepest sympathy to Diane and family from Vernon and Billie Brau and Clayton and Becca Mayer*



Becca Mayer - April 03, 2018 at 10:24 AM

MS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss.*



Martin Strarup - April 02, 2018 at 04:52 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of George Michael Thigpen.*



April 02, 2018 at 04:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Michael Thigpen.*



April 02, 2018 at 02:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Michael Thigpen.*



April 02, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ *From Jan and Mark Byrom purchased the Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern for the family of George Michael Thigpen.*



From Jan and Mark Byrom - April 02, 2018 at 09:16 AM



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Tom Rioux - April 02, 2018 at 07:34 AM

FS

“ From your friends at Carlton Staffing purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of George Michael Thigpen.



From your friends at Carlton Staffing - April 02, 2018 at 06:37 AM



“ Diana Huvar lit a candle in memory of George Michael Thigpen



Diana Huvar - April 01, 2018 at 12:45 AM



BLESSINGS TO DIANE AND THE THIGPEN FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF MICHAEL MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON HIS SOUL AND TAKE HIM INTO HEAVEN

Diana Huvar - April 01, 2018 at 12:50 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Michael Thigpen.



March 31, 2018 at 10:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Michael Thigpen.*



March 31, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear the sad news. Our thoughts & prayers are sent to you & your family ! 🙏🙏 Love, Linda & Ken Kram*



Linda Kram - March 31, 2018 at 05:23 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of George Michael Thigpen.*



March 31, 2018 at 04:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Michael Thigpen.*



March 31, 2018 at 03:35 PM

KA

“ Kari lit a candle in memory of George Michael Thigpen



Kari - March 31, 2018 at 02:14 PM

KA

I'll miss you like your family and friends
Kari Peikert

Kari - March 31, 2018 at 02:16 PM

KA



Kari - March 31, 2018 at 02:17 PM

CM

So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Carolyn Lauritsen Mitchell

Carolyn Lauritsen Mitchell - March 31, 2018 at 10:29 PM

JV

Our thoughts and prayers to the Thigpen family. I always remember what a nice person he was. RIP Mike

Joe and Brenda Vallejo

Joe Vallejo - April 04, 2018 at 08:15 AM

MJ

Diane, God bless all of you. Know Michael, You and Your Family are in our prayers perpetually.

Manuel (Brother) & Barbaree Amestoy

Manuel Amestoy Jr. - April 04, 2018 at 05:24 PM