



Robert "Grady" Coker Sr.

April 20, 1930 - March 31, 2023

Robert "Grady" Coker, Sr., 92, of El Campo, Texas passed away on March 31, 2023 with his family by his side.

Grady was born in McComb, Mississippi on April 20, 1930 to Clyde Coker, Sr. and Ruth Bardwell Coker. He graduated from Fernwood High School in 1948. He was a state champion tennis player and a 4-year letterman in basketball. He enlisted in the United States Air Force after graduating and he married his high school sweetheart, Patsy Van, a year later. They resided in Laurel, Mississippi.

Grady started his 38-year career with Transcontinental Gas and Pipeline as a natural gas engineer in Tylertown, Mississippi. Grady and Patsy had their first 2 of 6 children in Mississippi, and then were transferred to the Lake Charles, Louisiana area with Transco where the next 4 children completed their family.

In 1965, Grady was transferred to El Campo, Texas with Transco. He was, again, transferred to Houston, Texas and completed his career and a company mission of taking the natural gas pipeline from New Jersey to Corpus Christi. He spent the last portion of his Transco career overseeing projects in the Gulf of Mexico and retired to El Campo.

Grady was a longstanding member and former president of the Lions Club, an

avid golfer and member of El Campo Country Club. He was an adventurous fisherman from childhood and enjoyed hunting with close friends, his children, and grandchildren until his last years. Grady was also a master gardener and spent much of his free time tending his flower beds and teaching his children and grandchildren the art and joy of the same.

Grady and Patsy poured their hearts, energy, and time into the lives of their 6 children, 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Being gathered with as many of them as possible as often as possible was Grady's most cherished joy. He treated them with great generosity and instilled his highest value of supporting each other in highs and lows.

Grady was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth and Clyde Coker, Sr., his brother Clyde Coker, Jr., sister Christine Coker Martin and his wife, Pasty Van Coker.

Grady is survived by his children Cheryl Yockey (the late Danny Yockey), Candy Gerberman (James Gerberman), Robbin Smith (Mike Smith), Grady Coker, Jr. (Susan Weatherall Coker), Tara Coker Devine, Blaine Coker (Kim Coker), his grandchildren Trey Yockey (Beth Leslie Yockey), Dustin Yockey (Alex Dilazarro Yockey), Brian Gerberman, Steven Gerberman (Kristen Larsen), Abby Schwab Ormand (Rocky Ormand), Rachel Schwab, Michaelann Smith Algra (Jeff Algra), Brittney Coker Freund (Dakota Freund), Matthew Coker, McKenzie Jones Moore (Bill Moore), Zachary Coker; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Grady requested that in lieu of a service that his family gather to celebrate his life and their ties to one another.

Our deep gratitude to the compassionate home nursing care team and Hospice of Houston.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Foundation @ www.lbda.org or Hospice Houston @ www.houstonhospice.org

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

Tribute Wall



“ So many memories of working for Grady at Transco, then Williams. My interview with Grady and Winford Treme is something I'll never forget...lucky I was a pipeliner's daughter and that was what got me hired! He was one of a kind. Our thoughts and prayers to you all.

Judy and John Jurek - April 17, 2023 at 07:16 AM



“ Grady and family. I am so sorry for the loss of your father. Eternal rest grant unto him and may the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Eternal peace until you are all together again.



Susan Janacek - April 08, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ Coker family,
Celebrate a full lived fulfilled life! You honored Grady with your care & presence. Prayers for you as you journey down this new phase of life.

Donna & Speck Thornton - April 06, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ Linda & John Merck lit a candle in memory of Robert "Grady" Coker Sr.



Linda & John Merck - April 05, 2023 at 10:39 PM

JB

“ Condolences to the family from the Men and Women of the Wharton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4474. May God's strength be with you all.

Jimmy L Bacon - April 05, 2023 at 08:20 PM

CW

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. May God shower you all with strength, peace and comfort.



Cindy Witcher - April 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM

VH

“ Valda Hargrove lit a candle in memory of Robert "Grady" Coker Sr.



Valda Hargrove - April 04, 2023 at 08:14 AM

JW

“ Robbin we are sending love and prayers for all your family at this hard time. Your dad was a good neighbor to us on Wendel street. Let's get together later when you have time. Joy & Ronnie

Joy Wind - April 03, 2023 at 11:14 PM

SC

“ Robbin and all the Coker family, you have my heartfelt sympathy at this difficult time. I hope that precious memories of happier times will bring you much comfort in the days to come. May your dad rest in peace.



Sandra Cranek - April 03, 2023 at 08:39 PM

SE

“ Robbin and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort and peace.



Susie Ecklund - April 03, 2023 at 05:53 PM

RC

“ Robert &Becky Chomout lit a candle in memory of Robert "Grady" Coker Sr.



Robert &Becky Chomout - April 03, 2023 at 04:52 PM

LM

“ Lu Matzke lit a candle in memory of Robert "Grady" Coker Sr.



Lu Matzke - April 03, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robert "Grady" Coker Sr..*



April 03, 2023 at 02:52 PM



“ *Liz Staff lit a candle in memory of Robert "Grady" Coker Sr.*



Liz Staff - April 03, 2023 at 01:45 PM



“ *Allen&Judy Sefcik lit a candle in memory of Robert "Grady" Coker Sr.*



Allen&Judy Sefcik - April 03, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Vickie & Paul Holub lit a candle in memory of Robert "Grady" Coker Sr.*



Vickie & Paul Holub - April 03, 2023 at 12:55 PM

CE

Sweetest and kind. Rest in Peace Grady .

Carolyn Ermis - April 03, 2023 at 01:00 PM

GD

Hugs and Prayers to the Coker Family. I grieve with you.

Gloria Dowden - April 05, 2023 at 10:12 AM