



G. C. Pettey III

June 24, 1936 - December 15, 2022

G.C. Pettey III, beloved son, husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend, passed away December 15, 2022, at his home in Tyler, Texas.

He was born in Durant, Oklahoma, on June 24, 1936, to Mildred Ellis Pettey and G.C. Pettey, Jr, the oldest of three children. He was greatly influenced by his mother. She was selfless and incorporated her high moral values into the family's daily life. G.C. started working at age 12 to help her handle the family finances. He was 9 years older than his younger brother, Mike, and took great care of him.

Later in life, it was G.C.'s greatest privilege to buy land and build his parents a country home for their retirement to get them out of the city, which they thoroughly enjoyed for many years.

G.C. Graduated from Southern Methodist University with a mathematics degree, and set out on his entrepreneurial path, starting several successful businesses in insurance and administration or retirement plans. He was one of the founders of the San Jacinto Corporation in Houston and served as president. His experience there as president directed the path of his business career and epitomized his penchant for hard work, a value he shared with his employees as he encouraged them to succeed. His son Larry and sister Tio ran the satellite office in Dallas for many years. With their development in

mind, he made certain that they learned as much from him as they could. He served as president of the Retirement Administration and Designers of America (RADA) and through that organization and other related ones, he made life-long friends.

G.C. was confident, gregarious, and bold, but he didn't take himself too seriously. He had a robust sense of humor which he shared with everyone through his entertaining stories. His humorous one-liners were legendary.

Very Community minded, G.C. served as president or on the board of several homeowners associations through the years. He was very proud of his Choctaw Tribe heritage. He had two relatives who were Choctaw Chiefs, and an aunt who still lives in the Choctaw Community. After he retired, he enjoyed playing golf as often as he could, and he especially enjoyed spending time with his golf buddies until his health did not allow.

Family and friends were the focus of his retirement. He was able to attend graduations and other events for his grandchildren. He was especially proud of attending Brandon's graduation from Tx. A&M, Texarkana and Rylee's from the University of Arkansas, Kotton's recent high school graduation. One of his fondest memories was a family trip to Disney World, where the grandchildren loved having him inside the park doing things with them.

He and Billie had a very interesting trip to China, the RADA Meetings and other various trips. Spending time with Billie was always special to him. He adored her and greatly admired her business acumen and success.

G.C. was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Mary Jean Chambers (Tio), and his daughter-in-law, Kay Pettey. He is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Billie; his son, Larry Pettey, of Mount Pleasant, Tx.; and two daughters, Angie Funderburgh and her husband Klay, Carol Dillingham and

her husband Matt, all of Dripping Springs, TX.; his grandchildren, Brandon and Kristen Pettey, Rylee Dillingham, Kotton, Kannon, Kora, and Kenley Funderburgh; his brother, Michael Pettey and his wife Ann, of Houston, TX.; his aunt, Mary (sis) Lee Perkins of Bennington, OK.; his cousin, Joe Iglehart, of Paris, TX.; and many nieces and nephews.

The service will be December 28, 2022 at 2:00 pm at the Stewart Family Funeral home in Tyler, Tx. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to East Texas Food Bank (www.easttexasfoodbank.org), Salvation Army (www.salvationarmytexas.org), Federation for the Blind (www.nfbtx.org), or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of G. C. Pettey III*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 21, 2022 at 05:04 PM

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“ *Billie and Family. Please accept our deepest condolences. We are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. G.C. was always a hoot to be around and we loved hearing his funny stories! Hugs to all of you.*

*Heather, Mike, Mackenzie and Addy Christian
Sunnie and Don Drumb*

Heather Christian - March 27, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of G. C. Pettey III.*



December 27, 2022 at 09:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of G. C. Pettey III.*



December 27, 2022 at 07:19 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of G. C. Pettey III.*



December 23, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ *4 Way Cafe Employees and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of G. C. Pettey III.*



4 Way Cafe Employees and Family - December 23, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 22, 2022 at 10:00 AM



“ 83 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 21, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ *To all the Petty family: I have great memories of our Thanksgiving reunions with our parents' families, cousins, aunts, uncles. Uncle Bub was loved and respected by all of us. There was always lots of laughter, food and football. I love every one of you. Billie Ellis Monroe*

Billie Ellis Monroe - December 19, 2022 at 02:45 PM