



## Keifer Glen Richards

November 4, 1930 - May 4, 2015

A celebration of the life of Keifer Glen "Red" Richards, 84 of Tyler, Texas will be held on Thursday, May 7 at 2:00 pm at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Pastor Robert Carter officiating. Preceding the service, there will be a private burial in Cushing Cemetery.

Keifer passed away Monday, May 4, 2015 at Hospice of East Texas. He was born November 4, 1930 in Cushing, Texas to Milburn Perry Richards and Johnnie Velma Rogers.

Keifer was an active member of Colonial Hills Baptist Church and a faithful member of the Prayer Warriors Sunday School class. He graduated from Cushing High School where he excelled in all sports and played on their very first football team in 1947. He received a bachelor's degree in Education and Economics from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1955. Additionally, Keifer served as a US Marine in the Korean War. He worked 32 years in the chemical industry in Port Arthur, Texas and retired as the Purchasing Manager for ARCO Chemical Company in Bayport, Texas.

He was an avid golfer where he played many rounds at Hollytree Country Club with numerous friends. Keifer, or Granddaddy, was at his happiest when he was fishing at the lake with his grandchildren.

Keifer was preceded in death by his parents; sister Minnie Francis Richards; brother Roger Richards; and sister-in-law Mildred Richards.

He is survived by his wife and soul-mate of 62 years Mary Angie (Ann) Richards; his daughter Lisa Ann Mehlenbacher and son-in-law Bruce

Mehlenbacher of Jacksonville, Texas; his grandson Matt Mehlenbacher and wife Alanna of Jacksonville, Texas; his granddaughter Molly Mehlenbacher of Austin, Texas; and his two great-granddaughters Macy Lane and Ava Ann Mehlenbacher.

He is also survived by his brother Dee Richards and wife Lydia; sister Norma Penny and husband Charles; brother Bruce Richards and wife Joy; brother Mike Richards and wife Debra. Keifer was "PawPaw" to special neighbor Caroline Wells and her parents Robert and Susan Wells.

Honorary pallbearers will be Matt Mehlenbacher, Jed Dawson, Josh Liles, Jason Martin, Donny Richards, Cort Richards, Chase Richards, and Burton Ouzts.

Instead of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701 or the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation at [www.txwoundedwarrior.com](http://www.txwoundedwarrior.com).

## Cemetery Details

### Cushing Cemetery

Cushing, TX

## Previous Events

### Mem. Service

MAY 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ *My deepest condolences to this special family, and especially to my dear friend and sister of Keifer, Norma Richards Penney.*

Ddorothy Hammock - May 06, 2015 at 08:57 PM

DE

“ *Enjoyed playing golf with him at Hollytree. A true gentleman with a great sense of humor.*

*Dale Eppler*

dale eppler - May 06, 2015 at 10:01 AM

  
Darlene  
Dawson

“ *One special memory I have of Kiefer is the early morning (before 6 am) hospital visit when our daughter was born in Nederland. He told me he wanted to be the first to see her. He was on his way to work in Houston. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for Ann and Lisa and family.*

*Darlene Dawson*

Darlene Dawson - May 05, 2015 at 05:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Keifer Glen Richards.*



May 05, 2015 at 05:02 PM

DR

“ A fond memory I will always have of Keifer is the good times he had on Lake Sam Rayburn with his family...especially his Grandchildren. He really knew how to have fun and you could see that he enjoyed life. He was a fine brother-in-law and will be greatly missed.  
*Debra Richards*

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**Debra Richards** - May 05, 2015 at 01:24 PM

MR

“ My brother; my hero. I am so proud that God gave me such a wonderful, caring brother. Today and for the rest of my life Keifer will continue to be a source of hope, strength, and determination for me. I love you Keifer. Thank you for a lifetime of precious memories.

*Mike Richards*

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**Michael Richards** - May 05, 2015 at 12:10 PM