



## Richard Arnold Shawn

December 17, 1939 - June 16, 2020

Richard Shawn ended his journey on earth on the morning of June 16, 2020 with his “lil brother,” Eddie by his side. Born during the post-depression era in 1939, Richard grew up as one of seven children on a dairy farm in Wise County, Texas. Losing their father when Richard was 13 left him with a strong sense of responsibility and a life-long desire to “work hard and save money.”

Richard spent his entire career in the oil fields, working for Johnston Testers, Schlumberger, and finally, as a manager for Diamond-Core Testco. He took great pride in his work ethic and his reputation in the field of drill stem testing. Being a four-time cancer survivor, complicated by other health issues, led to Richard’s retiring long before he felt he was ready. Nothing pleased him more than visiting with former co-workers and recalling their early days in the oil patch. He took great pride in his son, Keith, who followed in his footsteps at Schlumberger.

The pride Richard took in his profession was second only to his pride in his family. His mother, Lorene Shawn Williams, having been left a young widow with children to raise, was definitely his role model for believing that a strong faith and hard work were the keys to a successful life.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, D.A. and Lorene Shawn; his stepfather, J.C. Williams; his brother, Charles Shawn; his sister, Patricia

Shawn Mason; and the mother of his children, Sylvia Sjogren. He is survived by his wife, Becky Shawn of Tyler; his daughter, Karen Green (Mark) of Idaho; his son, Keith Sjogren (Linda) of Whitehouse; his sister, Edith Poindexter (Joe) of Missouri; his brothers, Don Shawn (Pat) of Missouri, Jack Shawn (Vicki) of Minnesota, and Eddie Shawn (Linda) of Liberty City; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews, who loved their Uncle Rick's teasing.

Richard's life will be celebrated on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler, with Wheeler Renshaw officiating. There will be a visitation time with the family from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. with the service following at 2:30 p.m. Please protect yourself and others by wearing a face mask.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, June 21, 2020 at Willow Point Cemetery in the Balsora community near Bridgeport, Texas. Richard's early years and some of his fondest memories are from this small community. On Sunday, his family will take him home.

Honoring Richard by serving as pallbearers will be Phillip Shawn, Will Shawn, Kevin Shawn, Derrick Shawn, Nick Sjogren, Doug Hearn, Ryan Pool and Chad Hilliard.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 20. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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

## Service

JUN 20. 2:30 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

JUN 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

Willow Point Cemetery  
Bridgeport, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard Arnold Shawn*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - June 20, 2020 at 03:31 PM

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“ *Hi my friend, Mr. Richard Shawn, Just a Smile an Hug's from Heaven an my guardian angels, will guide you thru heaven! I will miss you my friend! Your Amazing personality, toughness, an a true friend! We talked several times my neighbor for years! We chatted several times mowing between our yards! But, one year thing change in both of our life, still mowing an a break, I approach you with a cold water bottle! An we talked, then we went into his motor home to cool off! After talking a while, I said Mr Richard you have done more as a Father to me then when I was a kid! Tears, were shared between both of us! Then I asked him if I could call him my adopted Dad! He sad yes! We hugged, an went back to mowing! Things, change I moved to Colorado! But, Smile, to Ms Becky, a Beautiful lady, a great cook, an so caring! - Ms Becky makes the best home made Brownies ever! Amen! Thank you! - A. Michael Kamps*

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**A. Michael Kamps** - June 20, 2020 at 12:10 AM

JF

“ Jim Fox purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Richard Arnold Shawn.



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**Jim Fox** - June 19, 2020 at 03:01 PM

MG

“ *Condolences from marvin and sarah.*



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**Marvin gray** - June 19, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Richard Arnold Shawn.



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June 19, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Richard Arnold Shawn.



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June 19, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Richard Arnold Shawn.*



June 19, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Arnold Shawn.*



June 19, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ *From the families of Jerry, Larry, Peggy and Doris purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Richard Arnold Shawn.*



**From the families of Jerry, Larry, Peggy and Doris - June 19, 2020 at 10:02 AM**



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Arnold Shawn.*



June 18, 2020 at 11:31 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Arnold Shawn.*



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June 18, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Arnold Shawn.*



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June 18, 2020 at 09:16 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Arnold Shawn.*



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June 18, 2020 at 07:23 PM

DO

“ There was no one that had a bigger heart than my brother Richard. He gave, gave, and gave to anyone that needed help. Big bro I am going to miss those almost daily calls reaching out to each other. I will never forget the days of us growing up. Milking those cows by hand of which I always milked more than you. Your service days. We could hardly wait to see you coming down the road on your leaves in Balsora. Your oil field days of which you always had a job coming up. But most of the time we made time for a 42 game. And also your retirement days. I know the last few years was a challenge, but together we took care of each other. Me and my whole family want you to rest in peace. You deserve it. We will take good care of Becky. Love you.

DeDe, D.A., Don

Don - June 18, 2020 at 07:06 PM

ER

“ EAST TX COLLISION REPAIR purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard Arnold Shawn.



EAST TX COLLISION REPAIR - June 18, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Arnold Shawn.



June 18, 2020 at 03:40 PM

LC

“ Words can not express how one feels when someone you have known for 73 years and grew up with the whole family passes. It's like a dream that turned into a night mare. My love and prayers goes to the whole family. A special love & prayers for Sudie, Don, Ed, Jack, & Becky. ❤️

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**Lynda Warford Cole** - June 18, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Arnold Shawn.



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June 18, 2020 at 01:58 PM