



## Sid Rogers Finklea

December 3, 1936 - October 1, 2013

Sid Rogers Finklea, 76, of Tyler Texas passed away October 1, 2013 at Hospice of East Texas Home Place. Services will be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home on Friday October 4, 2013 at 10:30 AM with Dr. Paul Powell and Rev. Derwood Galloway officiating. The family will receive friends 30 minutes prior to the service.

Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Sid was the son of Tera E. Finklea Hayes and Sid Finklea. He was born December 3, 1936 in Marshall. He was a 1955 graduate of Chapel Hill High School and was a life member of the Chapel Hill Alumni Organization. Sid attended Tyler Junior College and it was there he developed his interest of chemistry. Sid began his career in the oil and gas industry with The Tretolite Company in Lafayette, Louisiana. He later joined Champion Chemical Company and moved his family to New Orleans, Louisiana prior to becoming self-employed as an independent oil and gas producer in East Texas. He was an active member of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers.

Sid was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church and enjoyed his special friends of the Sammy Rhodes Sunday Morning Bible Study class. He was an avid supporter of Mission Dignity, a foundation that assists retired ministers and their spouses. Before moving back to Tyler he was a member of the St. Lukes United Methodist Church in Kilgore where he served on several committees. He was a former Rotarian in the Henderson Rotary Club and

President of the Kilgore Booster Club.

His outlook on life was always filled with love and laughter. You always knew he would greet you with a smile and when you asked how he was doing he always answered "If I was any better I couldn't stand it". He shared his life with so many through his generosity and kind spirit. He was always looking for a good laugh to enjoy and you could count on him having a funny story to share. His love of life and his kind giving spirit will be missed by all who have known and loved him.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 56 years, Virginia Caperton Finklea; daughters, Jeana Finklea Lefler of Dallas and Kristy Kaye Finklea Smith and son-in-law Cliff Smith of Abilene; a devoted grandfather of two grandsons who were his pride and joy, Jonathan Collin Robertson of Longview, and Trenton Laird Lefler of Dallas; a very special first cousin whom he loved and called his big sister, Vondal Wray of Lindale; sister-in-laws, Peggy Black, Mary Morrison and Lora Caperton; brother-in-law, James Black of Tyler; and many cherished cousins, nieces and special nephews.

Honorary Pallbearers are the members of the Sammy Rhodes Sunday Morning Bible Study.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 411 University Blvd., Tyler, 75701 or Mission Dignity, P.O. Box 2190, Dallas, 75221-9954 in memory of Sid R. Finklea.

# Cemetery Details

## Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ Sid Will Be Missed So Much At Homestead. Jerry And Shirley Neighbors, Knew The First Time We Met Sid He Was So Kind AND Friendly To Us. This Is What Kind Of Remembrance Of Sid We Will Have In Our Hearts . May The Lord And Our Savior Be With All-----  
-Jerry & Shirley Dowdy

Jerry Dowdy - October 04, 2013 at 07:56 PM

MT

“ Jeana and family so sorry for you loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike Taliaferro and family

Mike Taliaferro - October 04, 2013 at 11:46 AM

JL

Mike,  
You know he always loved all of you boys from Kilgore, Class of '77. Watching you play football was his joy. Thank you for thinking of us, blessings to you and your family.  
Jeana, Collin & Trent

Jeana Lefler - October 21, 2013 at 08:15 PM

DA

“ Virginia, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time. It was a pleasure to know your family during your years in Kilgore. We miss you.

Cynthia & Don Adams and Family

Don & Cynthia Adams - October 04, 2013 at 10:28 AM

RD

“ Sid was one of my favorite people to be around when we were together at family gatherings. He was always upbeat , happy and had a story to tell. I always looked forward to seeing Sid and just having a good conversation. Virginia (my 1st cousin) I know that you are going to miss him very much and my prayers go out to you and your children.

I have always appreciated how you and your entire family treated my mother and dad when they were alive. I am in the state of Washington at the time on a job and can not make the funeral. My sister, Dianne will be there. Again, my heart goes out to you and maybe Joan and I can see all of you some time. I have many memories with all of your family.

May God bless all of you,

Richard DuBose

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Richard DuBose - October 03, 2013 at 11:02 PM

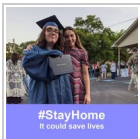


“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sid Rogers Finklea.



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October 03, 2013 at 07:47 PM

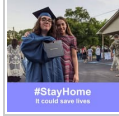


“ Brenda Hudson lit a candle in memory of Sid Rogers Finklea



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Brenda Hudson - October 03, 2013 at 06:52 PM



*His memory will always shine in our hearts like the light from this candle.*

**Brenda Hudson** - October 03, 2013 at 06:56 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Sid. I am his second cousin, I think. Charles Reuben Stillwell was my and Betty Stillwell Farmer's father. Did always came and talked to us at May Day at Old Center. Aunt Tera did also and was so sweet. Sid was always a joy to be around. He will be greatly missed. I am Brenda Stillwell Hudson. We used to have an Auto Parts store in Carthage and when Sid found out through a client and friend of Bobby that Bobby was my husband, he would always stop by and visit with Bobby when he was in town. We moved our business to Timpson, Tx, a small town south of Carthage on Hwy 59 and Sid would still stop by and visit with Bobby. That meant a lot to me because Sid and Aunt Tera were the only ones that cared about Betty Ann and me.*

**Brenda Hudson** - October 03, 2013 at 06:46 PM

HN

“ *So sorry to hear fo Sid"s death and you are in our thoughts and prayers. Harold and Norma Norris*

**Harold Norma Norris** - October 03, 2013 at 03:12 PM

MC

“ *Marie and Gary Cooney purchased the Blessed Heart for the family of Sid Rogers Finklea.*



**Marie and Gary Cooney** - October 03, 2013 at 02:30 PM

MC

“ Virginia, I was so sorry to hear of the death of your husband. My prayers are with you. With my love and sympathy, Martha Clark, Kilgore

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**Martha Clark** - October 03, 2013 at 01:30 PM

MI

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Morley-Moss, Inc.** - October 02, 2013 at 03:09 PM

KP

“ i am so sorry to hear about Sid. he always had a smile and was the same every time you saw him. he was a good man and loved his family. our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.

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**kenneth plunk** - October 02, 2013 at 02:55 PM

GM

“ Gin, Jeana, and Kristy - I am so sorry to hear of Sid's passing but be comforted that he has "graduated" and is no longer in any pain or suffering and rejoice that you will see him again in paradise one day again and be rejoined with him forever! Sid was a fun guy to have around! Love & God bless, Greg Miller

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**Greg Miller** - October 02, 2013 at 02:31 PM

RH

I am sorry to hear about Sid's passing. I always enjoyed visiting and talking football with Sid. You and Sid were great neighbors in Kilgore. We will always cherish our friendship. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ronnie and Maggie Hemann

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**Ronnie Hemann** - October 08, 2013 at 07:56 AM



*Thank you Greg for sharing such a sweet message and thinking of us.  
Your Cousin, Jeana*

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**Jeana Lefler** - October 21, 2013 at 08:11 PM