

Gideon, William Roy, Jr.



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William Roy Gideon, Jr.

William Roy Gideon, Jr., was born in Fort Worth, Texas, on December 7, 1951, and passed away on August 5, 2021, in Wichita Falls, Texas. He was a faithful Christian and worshiped at Eastside church of Christ in Denton, Texas.

Roy was a proud graduate of Richland High School, class of 1971, and maintained contact with many of his classmates. He attended all of his RHS reunions, and thoroughly enjoyed seeing his friends at those events.

In his younger days, Roy was an excellent bowler and even considered entering the sport as a professional. He was artistically talented and loved to draw animals.

Horses and rodeo scenes were favorite subject material for his sketches.

Roy married his wife, Martha Elaine Blake, on December 12, 1980. They remained married until his passing.

Though he and Elaine had no children of their own, Roy enjoyed spending time with the younger generation. He worked as a custodian for Birdville ISD, and volunteered, along with his wife, to form a fifth grade drama group at Watauga Elementary

School. Roy especially relished creating and painting scenery in anticipation of another Drama Cats production.

After Roy's retirement in 1999, due to a heart attack, over the next several years, he and his wife traveled to Houston, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, and San Antonio. On two occasions he and Elaine attended the annual Glenn Miller Festival in Clarinda, Iowa.

The family would like to thank the caring administrative staff, nurses, PCTs, and activities department at Denton Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Denton, as well as those caregivers at Carrus Acute Care Hospital in Sherman, Graham Oaks Care Center in Graham, and United Regional Hospital in Wichita Falls.

Roy was predeceased by his mother, Cora Belle Fowler Gideon, and his father, William Roy Gideon, Sr.

Survivors include: Martha Elaine Gideon, wife; brothers Charles Edward Gideon (Karen), and Jerry Wayne Gideon; sister, Paula Sue Gideon Manzella (Michael); nephews Brandon Manzella, Jarrett Gideon, and James Gideon; niece Corrie Manzella Napoles (Anthony); numerous cousins; and friends.