



Mr. Cecil Earl Dorsey

October 14, 1936 - July 5, 2019

Cecil Earl Dorsey

Born October 14, 1936, the third of six children, to Charlie and Rhea Dorsey in Hearne, Texas, where he graduated high school in 1955. After attending TCU for one year, he joined the Navy, where he was an electronic spy on submarine duty. Four years later he came home and resumed his education at Lamar University, graduating in 1964 with a degree in Political Science. Then on to receive his Master's Degree from the University of Houston.

In 1967 Cecil went to work for the Manned Spacecraft Center, later to be renamed the Johnson Space Center, as the Admin Officer of Mission Operations. There he met Linda Shinault and they were married in 1969. (Cecil and Linda celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 14, 2019.) He later moved to Property Management in the Logistics Division of Center Operations. He also served the city of Nassau Bay City Council from 1991 to 1995.

After 30 years of civil service, he retired in 1997. He began teaching part time at San Jacinto College and in 2002 became full time, teaching US and TX government, becoming the Department Chair of the Social Sciences Department. He retired in 2014 but continued teaching part time for couple more years. (It's in his blood.)

Cecil has always enjoyed reading and loved sports, especially playing golf and watching the Dallas Cowboys play football.

Cecil is preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Rhea Dorsey, his brothers Leon and Kenneth, and his sisters Evelyn and Judy.

He is survived by his sister Nita Soileau; his wife Linda; three sons, Chris, Mark and Ryan; and six grandchildren: Gabriel, Hannah, Abby, Madeline, Noah and Annie

Visitation will be Friday, July 12, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at SouthPark Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 2:00 pm followed by Interment at SouthPark Cemetery.

Cemetery

South Park Cemetery

1310 North Main St.
Pearland, TX, 77581

Events

JUL **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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South Park Funeral Home
1310 North Main Street, Pearland, TX, US, 77581

JUL **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Cecil gave a powerful testimony about quitting smoking. Like many heavy smokers, he was afraid of running out of cigarettes. He always kept a large supply on hand. Whenever he left home, he carried a spare package. Even if he had only used one or two out of the package he was currently using, he would carry a second pack. Also, like many heavy smokers, he had quit and restarted many times. One night as he was praying, The Lord spoke to him and told him to build a cross. He went to the garage, found two boards and nailed them together to form a cross. He then nailed his cigarettes to the cross. He NEVER smoked again.

Wes Palmer

Wes Palmer - July 13, 2019 at 02:02 PM



“ Cindy and Wes Palmer purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mr. Cecil Earl Dorsey.



Cindy and Wes Palmer - July 13, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Cecil Earl Dorsey.



July 10, 2019 at 08:46 PM



“ Maureen Murphy and Toni Pendergrass purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Cecil Earl Dorsey.





“ I always enjoyed talking and working with Cecil at San Jacinto College. I would see him at TCCTA conferences and conventions. He will be missed

Virginia Hanning - July 08, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ Oh, I have such fond memories of Cecil! I've known him for years, since NASA days--we worked together a little bit, and we would cover classes for each other when we were both teaching as adjuncts, just one class while working at NASA, at Central Campus. Then 20 years later, I finished up my degree and found out he was department head at San Jac South Campus, and he hired me as an adjunct there. He was just a great mentor, and gave really good advice, and was always calm in a crisis. I'll miss him, for sure, and my condolences to his family.

Nancy Liounis - July 08, 2019 at 11:35 AM



“ Cecil was a dear friend and great colleague at San Jacinto College--his "second career." You could always count on him to be a cut up and make us laugh when we needed it. He served as out department chair from 2004-2010, always using good humor to "herd a bunch of cats." Perhaps even more importantly, he was an outstanding government professor who touched thousands of lives. Students would sign up for his classes because of his way of reaching them. They loved and respected him--as did all of us. Truly, life is not as bright without Cecil and his infectious smile. We will miss him. We know that even now he is making people laugh in heaven!

Eddie Weller - July 08, 2019 at 11:06 AM