



**Paul James Duffley Jr.**

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Decatur ~ Paul James Duffley Jr., 81, beloved husband, father and grandfather, left to be with our heavenly father on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020, following a courageous battle with emphysema and heart disease, with his loving and always attentive bride at his side.

Funeral is 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur with burial in New Harp Cemetery.

The Rev. Doyle Wade will officiate.

Military honors will be provided by the Wise County Veterans Group.

Paul was born Nov. 29, 1938, in Boston, Mass., to Paul and Marion (Judkins) Duffley Sr. He graduated from St. Johns Preparatory School in Danvers, Mass., followed by one year at Burdett College. Upon leaving college, he began a 20-year active duty career in the U.S. Navy serving on six different ships: The USS Outpost AGR10, USS Telfair APA210, USS New Jersey BB62, USS John S. McCain DDG36, USS Turner Joy DD951 and USS Horne CG30. After his honorable discharge from the Navy, Paul managed the Lubbock and Midland offices for the Service Insulation Co. for four years, leaving them to start his own company: D & T cabinets of Midland.

In 1983, he moved to San Angelo, owning and operating both Exxon and Texaco service stations with wrecker services. After his retirement from service stations, Paul relocated to Wise County, working at Walmart as a support manager. It was while working at Walmart that he met the love of his life, his bride, Jacqui, who brought light into his life for the last 13 years of his life.

Paul didn't know what the word "retirement" meant, volunteering his time and services. With Habitat for Humanity, he helped build 17 different homes, working alongside President Carter on one of these houses. He was commander of the Wise County Veterans Group for three years and oversaw the building of the Wise County Veterans Park.

Paul took pride in being a charter member of the Old County Church in Bowie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughters, Cynthia Hawkins and Lisa Minor Geary; and his sister, Maureen. Paul is survived by his bride of 11 years, Jacqueline Duffley of Decatur; his mother-in-law, Wanda Monroe; his daughter, Bambi Schoenfield and husband, Jay, of Montgomery; his sons, Robert "Bobby" Duffley and wife, Lori, of Midwest City, Okla., Vernon Phelps and wife, Teresa, of Carson, Iowa, and Travis Duffley and wife, Tina, of San Angelo; his grandchildren, Angelica Phelps, Wesley Phelps, Daniela Ramirez, Sarah Limon, Kelly Bell, Amber Kuykendall, Daniel Minor, Lindsey Hurt, Natalie Morris, Andrew Duffley, Matthew Duffley, Marina Torres, Samantha Martinez, Robert Duffley Jr. and Joshua Duffley; and eight great-grandchildren.

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