



Cato, Gaylord Lee

1936-2023

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Decatur ~ Gaylord Lee Cato, 87, went to be with our Lord Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023.

Funeral is 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023 at Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel in Decatur, with burial at Oaklawn Cemetery. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Gaylord was born Aug. 13, 1936 to Andy Rubert and Lena (Eggenberg) Cato in Electra. He was united in marriage September of 2000 to Christine LaJuan McCracken in Wichita Falls. He graduated from the University of Texas with a bachelor's degree, and retired from Lockheed Martin after many years as an engineer. Gaylord was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend to many who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andy Cato and Lena Franklin; and his grandson, Brian Weston Smith.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife, Christine LaJuan Cato of Fort Worth; his daughters, Glory Cato and Pat Broyles of Fort Walton Beach, Florida; his son, Brett Cato and wife, Melissa, of Niceville, Florida;

his stepdaughter, Kristin Gilbert; stepson, Bodie Gilbert; his sister, Jan Walker and husband, Rick; granddaughters, Kyra Peters and Anna Smith; grandsons, Dakota Cato and Aaron Cato; three great-grandchildren, Liara Vie Peters, William Aidan Chadwell Smith and Scarlet Aurora Cato; extended family members and a host of friends.