

Girard "Gerry" Ernest Pfeil passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, in Kendalia, Texas, surrounded by his beloved family. Gerry was a cherished husband, father, grandfather and friend who was loved by many and valued by all who knew him. He will be remembered for his dedication to his family, loyalty to his friends and unwavering love for his Lord.

Born in Garden City, Michigan, on July 2, 1931, Gerry grew up in a modest, yet cheerful home. His family believed in the importance of laughter, commitment to good behavior and devotion to strong ethics. Gerry admired both of his parents and described his youth as being full of joy. He was taught that being identified as a "gentleman" was to be considered the highest compliment.

Upon graduating high school, Gerry attended the University of Michigan, where he began dating a girl named Vivian Greta Olson. Midway through his studies and their relationship, he chose to enlist in the U.S. Navy to serve in the Korean War. During his enlistment, Gerry and Vivian married with barely a penny to their names and without the support of her parents. These circumstances fueled their passion for one another and their commitment to their family.

During their marriage, they were blessed with two precious children, Vickie and Todd. Gerry would always describe Vickie as being the model daughter and someone who would continuously spread joy to those around her and never cease to express her thoughtfulness for others. He adored his son, Todd, and always prized his lovable demeanor when it was displayed.

After a rewarding career in the chrome chemical business, Gerry and Vivian traded jet-setting and country clubbing for porch sitting and cow tipping. Both pursued ranch life with the same enthusiasm and resolve that propelled them in their previous endeavors. Sadly, Vivian succumbed to her battle with Lymphoma shortly after Gerry's retirement. He would describe Vivian as a wonderful wife, companion and mother who endlessly demonstrated grace, courtesy and boundless courage.

Due to God's never-ending love and mercy, Gerry was granted another miraculous opportunity to share life with a true angel. He was asked by a family friend if he would be interested in meeting a "dynamite woman." Considering Gerry had never heard of such a robust description of a person before, his interest was, to say the least, piqued, and he arranged a lunch. Gerry married Barbara "Bobbie" Fontenot Moore and so began his fascination with her southern charm and tender character. He defined his marriage to Bobbie as being a complete joy and acknowledged he has been blessed beyond all measure.

A celebration of Gerry's life will be held in the coming weeks with close family and friends at the Kneupper Cemetery in Kendalia, Texas

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the staff of Holt & Holt Funeral Home of Boerne. To share words of comfort with the family, please visit www.holtfh.com.