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Luther Wayne Cunningham, 89, passed away Friday, March 18, 2022. He is preceded in death by his parents Luther and Thelma Cunningham; brother John Benjamin Cunningham; and sister Jessie Johnson. Left to cherish Luther's memory are his loving wife of 65 years, Mary Helen Cunningham; son Kyle Wayne Cunningham and wife, Kimberly; daughter Kelly Day and husband, Steve, Wendy Schneider and husband, Jason; sister-in-law Dolores McCafferty; grandchildren Haley Satterwhite, Jordan Cunningham, Chelsea Wingate, Carly Schneider, Josh Cunningham, and a host of other dear family and friends.

Luther was born and raised in Pearland, Texas. He and his twin brother were fondly known to all as Big Boy and Little Boy Cunningham. He graduated Pearland High School in 1951 as Valedictorian with Little Boy being Salutatorian. Luther loved all sports and excelled tremendously. He was the quarterback, the pitcher, and went to State in track and field. Luther played baseball on scholarship his freshman year at the University of Houston. His sophomore year, he left and played basketball on scholarship at Sam Houston State University. Finally, he decided to leave his sports career behind and went on to receive his bachelor's degree in Petroleum Engineering from The University of Oklahoma. Upon graduation, Luther married the love of his life, Mary Helen, in 1956 and together they moved to Fort Belvoir, VA where he began his two year stint in the US Army. Luther enjoyed a successful career as a Petroleum Engineer for more than 28 years. He worked for many different companies and traveled all over the world building, drilling, and consulting on oil rigs. However, Luther was born with an entrepreneurial spirit and always wanted to work for himself. From selling watermelons out of his mother's ice house, to renovating and renting apartment buildings, owning a washateria, purchasing and developing real estate, and ultimately building and operating his own self-service car washes, Luther was always coming up with his next big idea. He retired from engineering in 1984 and began relying solely on these ventures at that time.



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Luther and Helen moved over 13 times in 12 years before finally settling down in Pearland in 1968. In 1975, the couple bought and remodeled one of the oldest homes in Pearland where they raised their family and still live today. Luther was very proud of his Pearland roots, and was always working to encourage organizations that would benefit the community. He was a founding member of the Dad's Club, Pearland Girl's Softball, Little Dribblers, and the Pearland Historical Society. He loved the Pearland Oilers, crossword puzzles, newspapers, coveralls, and drinking coffee with friends (and strangers) in the morning. More than anything, Luther cherished his family and loved any time they would get together. Their family home has always been the gathering spot for family occasions. Luther will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services for Luther will be held on Friday, March 25, 2022, at Clayton Funeral Home, 5530 West Broadway, Pearland, Texas. Visitation is scheduled from 11:30 – 1:00 pm. The funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm, with Pastor Brian Gigeo officiating. Interment will follow at South Park Cemetery, in Pearland, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Christian Helping Hands @ www.christianhelpinghands.org



Tribute Wall

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BB

Brett Burns posted:

Condolences to the family. Luther will be missed dearly. God bless, Brett at F&F Key & Lock.

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sent with love and remembrance,

March 23 at 7:00 PM

WC

Wanda Nolen-Conrad posted:

My heart breaks for all of you. I know Big Boy will be missed dearly. I have many fond memories of him but mostly it is his laugh and smile that I remember the most. He also reminded me of my dad. They both seemed to always be scheming up business ideas. I am not able to attend the service. I work part time and Friday is one of my work days. I am an RN Case Manger and we are of course short handed all the time. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all and I do wish I could be there to pay my respects to my dear cousin. Hugs to everyone. My mom will not be able to attend either. Her memory is worse. I did let her know about Big Boy and she did get really sad. She seems to remember him. Love from, Wanda and Marian

March 23 at 7:00 PM

NG

Nedra Gurry posted:

Dear Helen and family, Praying for your beautiful family. Nedra

March 23 at 7:00 PM

LD

Linos, Chris & David posted:

An all around down to earth good man who opened his home to us and shared his wisdom and wit. Most importantly he raised a fine family. Rest in Peace.

March 22 at 7:00 PM

TT

Tom And Ann Taft posted:

Sending love and prayers.

March 22 at 7:00 PM



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Tim And Carolyn Shantz posted:

Our sincere condolences to the Cunningham family.

March 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Luther will remain in our hearts forever. "This man is a success who has lived well, loved much, and laughed often." Robert Louis Stevenson

March 22 at 7:00 PM



Tom Hunter posted:

Condolences to the Cunningham family. I will miss Luther's weekly emails. He told me he had a school-boy crush on my mother and was impressed with the way she handled my sister and me, which reminded him of the way his mother handled his brother and him. The loss of Mickey Mark and Luther Cunningham marks the end of an era for Pearland and the historical society. May God bless his soul.

March 21 at 7:00 PM



Julie Jamison posted:

May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you.

March 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Kyle, Kim and the Cunningham family, we send you prayers of peace and comfort.

March 21 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Luther by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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