



## Mr. Thomas E. "Gene" Hoover

January 18, 1939 - December 28, 2019

Funeral services for Mr. Thomas E. "Gene" Hoover, 80, of Mt. Enterprise, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 10, 2019, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Bro. Charles Williams and Bro. Darrel Owens officiating. Interment will follow at Gage Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until service time on January 10, at the funeral home.

Mr. Hoover passed from this life on December 28, 2019, at Providence Health Center in Waco. He was born January 18, 1939, in Firebaugh, California to the late Thomas Hiram and Edith Crystal Bell (Clark) Hoover and has lived in Mt. Enterprise since 1974. He received a Bachelor's degree of Agronomy from Fresno State College and later obtained his Doctorate of Theology (ThD) from California Missionary Baptist Institute.

Gene spent nearly 45 years in camp work, first at Bogg Springs Baptist Camp in Arkansas and then Pine Springs Baptist Camp outside of Mt. Enterprise. He also enjoyed flying and was a licensed pilot. Mr. Hoover used those skills to take students from camp up in a plane and gave each one a flying certificate. Gene was an active and longtime member of Landmark Missionary Baptist Church and later Smyrna Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Carol Jean Hoover; and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his sons, Tom Hoover and wife Mitzi of Waco, Tim Hoover and wife Elizabeth of Waco, and Terry Hoover and wife Kim of Copper Canyon; sister, Pat Smith and husband Lloyd; sisters-in-law, Peggy Hoover, Melba Hoover, Mary Wilkins, and Susan Wood and husband Lawrence; grandchildren and their spouses, T.J. and Bridgett Hoover, Brandon and Krystle Hoover, Sara and Nathan Winship, Jessica Hoover, Joshua and Alex Hoover, Samuel and Tara Hoover, Emily and Daniel Finstad, Ethan Hoover, Daniel Hoover, Benjamin Hoover, Matthew Hoover, and Grace Hoover; nine great-grandchildren;

and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Pallbearers will be T.J. Hoover, Brandon Hoover, Joshua Hoover, Samuel Hoover, Daniel Hoover, Ethan Hoover, Benjamin Hoover, and Matthew Hoover.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pine Springs Baptist Camp at 3386 FM 1798 W., Laneville, TX 75667.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery

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**Gage Cemetery**  
CR 437  
Laneville, TX, 75667

# Events

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**JAN 10 Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM**  
Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 S. Main St, Henderson, TX, US, 75654

**JAN 10 Service 11:00AM**  
Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
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# Comments

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“ I first went to Pine Springs Church Camp in 1974 with Green Ridge Baptist Church when the Camp was in its bare beginnings. Through the years, I saw the Camp improved with new dorms, playground equipment, safety features, and many more features as the Camp needed each year b/c Bro. Hoover was a most devoted camp caretaker! I was so blessed to have worked for him one week in place of a person who was not able to work in 1975. He was such a great "boss" for whom to work! Even when I went to Kids Kamp this past summer, I was so surprised to have seen him there still working part-time! I am ever so thankful for having known him all these many years and to have had my two children grow up in the Camp which he prepared for them each and every summer! God bless him and his testimony for the Lord he loved!



**Linda Zepeda** - January 11, 2020 at 10:58 PM

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“ Betty and I came to know and love Bro. Hoover when I was called to Pastor Smyrna Baptist Church. He was a cherished and valued member there at the time and taught the Adult Sunday School. He was a learned man regarding the Scriptures, and loved the LORD and His Church. He was always kind and gracious to us, and we came to love him and his wife, Carol. He always had good advice and counsel, and a calm and gentle spirit. He also spent many years in service as Director of the Pine Springs youth camp, and touched many lives, where numerous young people came to know the LORD. Only eternity will reveal the good that he has done with a life well-lived. Our love and prayers to the family.



**Charles Williams** - January 08, 2020 at 08:52 PM

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“ Charles Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas E. "Gene" Hoover



Charles Williams - January 08, 2020 at 08:40 PM

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“ Ginger Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas E. "Gene" Hoover



Ginger Lee - January 03, 2020 at 05:30 PM

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“ Thanks, Gene, for your friendship, from before we started first grade together in 1944 through regular family get-togethers in the 50's, at Fresno State in the 60's and later as a great brother-in-law. You were always the creative one and the builder. You liked tractors, airplanes and guns a lot, but cars and horses not so much. During your years at camp you installed and fixed pretty much all things mechanical, plumbed everything from kitchens to septic systems, and built a lot of buildings while all the time ministering to your family, to campers, to staffers and to your church. You raised your boys to be strong talented Christian men, husbands and fathers. You called me nearly every year on my birthday. You were patient when I strayed early from the faith and rejoiced when I came back. About the only unresolved disagreement we ever had was over which BB gun was better, the Red Ryder lever action or the Daisy Pump gun. I still think you were wrong, but am ready to appreciate your point of view. I'll miss you here but expect to see you before long. Love you, brother.

Lloyd Smith  
Jefferson, Oregon

Lloyd Smith - January 03, 2020 at 02:05 PM

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“ Prayers for you all thru this difficult time



**Regina Summers Pace** - January 02, 2020 at 11:34 PM

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“ Deborah Moore Lyles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas E. "Gene" Hoover



**Deborah Moore Lyles** - January 01, 2020 at 07:45 PM

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“ Bro. Hoover was a great warrior for the Lord. We truly loved and respected the man. He was our physical neighbor for 35 years, living next door to us. He helped everyone, including us, in our little community of Sweet Gum many times. We attended church with him for many years. He was a great Sunday School teacher. When Matt attended camp, Bro. Hoover would tell him "you behave or I will make you walk home"!!! Of course, that would have been a very short walk through the woods. While he attended to the camp and took care of campers and their needs, he is now being attended to by Jesus Christ and is "Camping in Canaan's Land". Our family will truly miss him.

**Robert and Diane Gholson** - December 31, 2019 at 10:19 AM

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“ Every happy memory of Pine Springs church camp has Bro. Hoover hovering in the background like a Jesus Warden. He was imposing enough to know we needed to act appropriately but secretly nice enough to only have respect and no real fear behind it. He was a great man and will be missed. Your family will be included in my prayers.

**Amber Lollar** - December 30, 2019 at 12:06 PM

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“ I'm so sorry that Bro. Hoover is no longer with us. I know his family will miss him greatly. I pray God will give you comfort. He was a fine man. I'm happy to have had the privilege of knowing him.

**Leo Griffith** - December 30, 2019 at 10:06 AM

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“ Van Vaught lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas E. "Gene" Hoover



**Van Vaught** - December 29, 2019 at 09:47 PM

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“ Jaunice Silvertooth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas E. "Gene" Hoover



**jaunice silvertooth** - December 29, 2019 at 09:00 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Bro. Hoover our prayer go out to the family !!  
Lamar Chapman

Lamar Chapman - December 29, 2019 at 02:16 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you for peace and comfort that only  
God can give.

Stephanie Osteen - December 29, 2019 at 10:52 AM

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“ A great pilot..and a fine man..so sorry for your loss...Pud patterson

pud patterson - December 29, 2019 at 10:21 AM

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“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas E. "Gene" Hoover



pud patterson - December 29, 2019 at 10:19 AM

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“ I enjoyed him at Church he was a great man going to be missed by many . Rest In  
Peace Bro Hoover

margie woolverton - December 29, 2019 at 08:10 AM