



## Mr. Thomas Bridges

March 8, 1936 - July 15, 2014

Thomas Wesley Bridges, Sr., 78, of Laneville left this life on July 15, 2014 in Tyler, Texas.

Thomas was born March 8, 1936 in Panola County, Texas as the oldest child to Melvin and Ines (Garrison) Bridges. He attended school and graduated in 1955 from Vivian High School in Vivian, Louisiana where he was known as one of the “touchdown twins” of the high school football team. While playing for the Vivian Warriors, Thomas set several school records for speed. On March 1, 1958 he enlisted in the US Air Force in Smyrna Tennessee, where he worked as a mechanic. He was honorably discharged from the service on February 28, 1961. May 22, 1958 he married Rebecca Cooke and enjoyed family life and raising their three children. He was a line worker at Schlitz brewery for 26 years. Thomas and his family reside in Laneville, Texas, where he has enjoyed his gardening and working with his cattle, but more than anything Thomas loved having his grandchildren and great-grandchildren around him and he loved his family. He loved watching westerns, fishing, and hunting.

Thomas is survived by his wife of 56 years, Rebecca Bridges. Together they have three children Elizabeth (Liz) Holland and husband David, Thomas Wesley Bridges Jr. and wife Connie, and Charles Reese Bridges and wife Holli. Grandchildren include Wesley Bridges and wife Brandi, Josh Mosley and

wife Courtney, Hatti Bridges, and Matti Bridges. Great-grandchildren are Wyatt Mosley and Zoie Bridges; brother, Donald Bridges and wife Sandra Sue of Laneville; sister, Sandra Glass and husband Leon of Henderson. Thomas also had numerous nephews and nieces that he loved.

Pallbearers will be Josh Mosley, Wesley Bridges, Rodney Bridges, Guy Bridges, Chris Bridges and Rex Rogers. Honorary pallbearers are Leon Clark, Paige Cox, and Don Campbell.

Visitation will be held at Crawford-A-Crim Thursday July 17th from 5-7 pm. Funeral services will be held Friday July 18th, 2014 at 2 pm at Crawford-A-Crim Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Bridges cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Bridges Cemetery

FM 348  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

JUL 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Thomas Bridges



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - July 16, 2014 at 09:06 PM

SR

“ Charlie, Holli, Hatti, Matti and the entire Bridges family, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God's love and peace

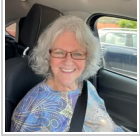
Susan Wallace Roper - July 20, 2014 at 11:42 PM

DD

“ Dennis And Dixie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Bridges



Dennis and Dixie Duncan - July 18, 2014 at 01:29 PM



“ There are no words that we can say that will take away the pain. There are only prayers and lots of love. We have and will continue to pray for you Rebecca and your children and grandchildren. Thomas will never struggle another moment. Charlie, Holli, Hatti and Matti. We are here and will always be. WE love you all very much.

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**Stephanie Osteen** - July 18, 2014 at 11:41 AM

LM

“ On behalf of all of Josh Mosley's friends and co-workers at CSI, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. We are certain your loved one is in a much better place and at peace. Please accept our sincere condolences and prayers to the family.  
Linda Moss, HR Area Manager

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**Linda Moss** - July 17, 2014 at 10:39 AM

RV

“ Rebecca and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Lord thank you for your angels of mercy. Roberta Vallantyne

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**Roberta Vallantyne** - July 17, 2014 at 09:44 AM

GB

“ Prayers and love to all of you. What a special man he was. Thomas was so special to my father. I'm sure he and Daddy will have alot of catching up to do in heaven.

Love,  
Georgia Burress and family

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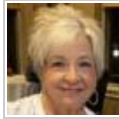
**Georgia Burress** - July 17, 2014 at 08:35 AM

AH

“ Anita Rumbo Hays lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Bridges



Anita Rumbo Hays - July 16, 2014 at 10:20 PM



*I can remember so vividly.....so many years ago when Thomas and David Rumbo worked together at Schlitz brewery. We became the best of friends when we moved to Henderson. Oh, the fish fry's every Friday night were the highlight of our week. I have no idea how many bags of potatoes that Rebecca would cut up for fries. It was soooooooo good! David and I watched Liz, Tommy, and Charlie grow up as Thomas and Rebecca watched our little Becky grow up as well. Thomas was a "mess"! We loved him so much because he made us laugh. He and Rebecca, both, made our Rumbo family feel so welcome in their home! I'll never forget the closeness I felt. Then.....there came Joey and Jeffry. They kinda messed up our fun Fridays since they were babies and we couldn't stay out as late as before. They were sweethearts, don't get me wrong....but, we had to start having to stay at home more to care for them. Through the years, whenever I "hear" something about the Thomas Bridges Family - any of them - I get a warm cozy feeling all over me! I wish I had made an effort to see Thomas and tell him what he meant to us. I won't let that opportunity pass by again to tell Rebecca. We loved you both so very much!*

Anita Rumbo-Hays-Flowers - July 16, 2014 at 10:49 PM