



Mr. Thomas Elwood Branum

September 24, 1931 - November 28, 2025

Thomas Elwood Branum, 94, of Pilot Point, TX, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Friday, November 28, 2025. Elwood was born on September 24, 1931, in Pilot Point, TX to Samuel Clyde Branum and Willie Naomi Wood. He graduated from Pilot Point High School in 1949 and North Texas State University (UNT) with a BBA in 1956. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1954.

Elwood married Rosemary Newton on December 24, 1955. They had a daughter, Penny, and a son, Perry. Rosemary passed away in 1972. In 1985, he married Mary Katherine (Kathy) Williams, who had a son, Michael and a daughter, Christy.

Elwood worked for TEMCO, LTV and Vought Aerospace in Grand Prairie, TX. He retired in 1990 as the Manager of Budget Production Administration, but returned for 3 more years to write the history of the company.

Elwood loved history of all kinds and it showed by the boxes of Bearcat Football, Cemetery, Family, and City history he collected. His love of Pilot Point was evident by the many hours he spent serving on various boards and committees including: Pilot Point City Council, PPEF, Volunteer Fire Dept., Main Street History Comm., Masonic Lodge and Cemetery Assoc., and so many others. He was awarded the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year

in 2005.

Elwood is survived by his wife, Kathy, of Pilot Point, TX; son, Perry Branum (Michele) of Haslet, TX; daughters, Penny DeJernett (David) of Pilot Point, TX and Christy Martin (Jack) of Lewisville, TX; grandchildren, Ryan DeJernett, Dustin DeJernett, Katelyn Richardson (Robert), Cody Branum, Taylor Kelsay (Tyler), Jake Martin, Chasidy Heath (Jack) and Matt Williams (Amanda); and 14 greatgrandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Willie Branum; his siblings, Naomi O'Dell, Alvin Roy Branum, Bill Branum and James Branum; his son, Michael Williams; and his first wife, Rosemary Branum.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at Calvary Baptist Church in Pilot Point, TX. Interment will follow the service at the Pilot Point Community Cemetery in Pilot Point, TX. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Cemetery Details

Pilot Point Community Cemetery

601 N. Prairie Street
Pilot Point, TX 76258

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
125 N. Jefferson Street
Pilot Point, TX 76258
<https://www.calvarypilotpoint.org/>

Burial

DEC 2 (CT)

Pilot Point Community Cemetery
601 N. Prairie Street
Pilot Point, TX 76258

Tribute Wall

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“ *Kathy, I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to you and the entire family.
We worked together at Buddies Bakery many years ago and I never forgot you because of your kindness. God bless each and every one of you.*

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“ *Elwood was my brother-in-law for 40 years. He had a wonderful family and I very wonderful life. He will be missed by many.*

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