



## Thurman Lee Bridges

April 15, 1938 - March 31, 2026

Thurman Lee Bridges, age 87, passed away on March 31, 2026.

Born in Decatur, Texas, and raised in the Denton area, Mr. Bridges lived a full and engaged life marked by strong work ethic, service to his community, and a lifelong bond with his siblings as the oldest of eleven.

He was known for his outgoing nature and genuine enjoyment of conversation—he rarely met a stranger and valued meaningful conversation with everyone he encountered.

He proudly served in the United States Air Force for two years, after which he built a long and steady career as a commercial painter. His work ethic and dedication carried him through a lifetime in the trade until his retirement at age 67.

A committed public servant, he served on the Krugerville City Council for 20 years, contributing to the growth and direction of his community. His sense of responsibility and civic involvement reflected his belief in giving back and staying engaged.

He was preceded in death by his wife, JoAnn Bridges, of 47 years, who passed in 2016. Together, they built a life centered on family and shared experiences.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, John and Bobi Bridges; his stepson, Derrell Bode; and stepdaughter, Lisa Bode; along with three grandchildren, Garrett Bridges, Grace Bridges, and David Redfearn; and five great-grandchildren, Elinore Bridges, Benjamin Ansel, Solomon Redfearn,

Gabriel Redfearn, and Abby Redfearn. Mr. Bridges was the eldest of eleven siblings and is survived by his sisters, Ann Jameson and Barbara Coffee, and his brothers, Jimmy Bridges and Ricky Cheaney.

Mr. Bridges was born to Thurman and Marguerite Bridges.

He will be remembered for his sociable spirit, steady presence, and the many conversations that left lasting impressions on those around him.

Mr. Bridges' service will be held Friday, April 10 at Slay Memorial Funeral Center. Visitation is from 11:00AM to 12:00PM, with the service to immediately follow. He will then be interred at Belew Cemetery in Aubrey, Texas.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Belew Cemetery

9500 Belew Road  
Aubrey, TX 76227

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Funeral Centers  
400 US-377  
Aubrey, TX 76227

## Funeral Service

APR 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Funeral Centers  
400 US-377  
Aubrey, TX 76227

# Tribute Wall

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“ So many great memories of Thurman. He was my neighbor for 18 years. Always a character to talk to. Loved him and JoAnn. Condolences to his family as they go through difficult times.

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