



Kenneth Wayne Cline

May 13, 1939 - May 31, 2020

Kenneth Wayne Cline – a hard working, generous family man who worshipped God with both his words and deeds – passed away on May 31, 2020 surrounded by his loving wife of almost 59 years, Carol Matthews Cline, and other loved ones after a long battle with cancer. He was 81.

Born May 13, 1939 in Lindale, Texas to Claude and Gertrude (Perryman) Cline, After graduating from Lindale High School in 1957, he began his journey to become a Professional Engineer (P.E.). He graduated with an Associates of Engineering from Tyler Junior College before becoming a Texas Tech Red Raider. During his time at Texas Tech University, he was called to active duty for the Berlin Wall Crisis with the 49th Armored Division of the Texas National Guard stationed at Ft. Polk, Louisiana. After working for the Texas and Louisiana Highway Departments for 10 years, he received his P.E. certification through exam and experience. He demonstrated his unfailing work ethic while working at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and serving as County Engineer for Smith and Harrison counties before retiring in 2000. He continued his dedication to hard work by starting his own consulting firm which he actively ran for 20 years.

He was recognized as an authority in the field of engineering and presented the methods and procedures he used as county engineer for many professional engineering organizations. He was named the Urban County Engineer of the Year by the National Association of County Engineers in 1999, and he is the first and only county engineer from Texas to receive this award.

He was wise beyond his education and experience, and people of all ages and stations in life sought his advice and benefited from his counsel. His selfless spirit and willingness to help anyone in need was illustrated by years of service to the community in which he lived. A devout follower of Christ and leader in his church, he was called to share his talents: serving as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and children's church director with his wife for over 40 years. He donated his engineering knowledge and skills to nearby churches and missions by drafting master plans and volunteering as general contractor to create spaces for fellowship. He also constructed a softball field on his property in the Red Springs community that was enjoyed by men, women, boys, and girls from a 100 mile radius for over 13 years. He was elected to the Lindale ISD School Board in 2011 and maintained his seat for the last 9 years proudly supporting the Lindale Eagles students and teachers. He pulled chains for Lindale High School football games for years and was a lifetime member of the Lindale alumni association where he served as the VP of Programs. He was an active member of the Lindale Masonic Lodge where he received his 50 year award for service.

His memory will be cherished and kept alive by his wife, Carol Jeanne Matthews Cline of Lindale, Texas; his children Tammy and Gilbert Naizer, Lisa and Andy Bellah, and Darrell and Teri Cline; his grandchildren Susan Naizer, Brian and Mary Naizer, Amanda and Michael Beardshaw, Michael Naizer, John and Tawny Naizer, Ashley Bellah, Nathan Cline, Daniel Cline, Jacob Cline, and Emily Cline; his great-grandchildren Lilianna Naizer, Elijah Naizer, and Bellah Beardshaw. He is also survived by his siblings Claudie Thompson, Robert Cline, and Syble Glasscock. Serving as pallbearers will be Kenneth's grandsons. Honorary pallbearers will be Lindale ISD Board Members.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6, 2020 at the Performing Arts Center at Lindale High School. A private family interment will follow at Red Springs Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 5, 2020 at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in

Lindale. The family has requested that mask be worn during the visitation. In Lieu of flowers the family has ask that donations be made to, The Texas Baptist Home For Children, P.O. Box 309, Waxahachie, Texas 75168, tbhc.org or to the Jacksonville College General Fund, 105 B.J. Albritton Dr. Jacksonville, Texas 75766, jacksonville-college.edu

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 restrictions required by the CDC and Gov. Greg Abbott, please be aware there are limitations on occupancy to both funeral services and visitations. Please remember to practice social distancing and wearing a mask is highly suggested at the funeral service and required at the visitation per family's request. Register books may also be signed on our website, CRDFH.COM

Cemetery Details

Red Springs Cemetery

131 FM 16
Tyler, TX 75706

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-3141
jeff@crdfh.com

Service

JUN 6. 2:30 PM (CT)

Performing Arts Center at Lindale High School
920 E Hubbard St.
Lindale, TX 75771

Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth Wayne Cline*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - June 04, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ *Kenneth Wayne Cline*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Kenneth Wayne Cline*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *It has been a joy to serve with Kenneth on the board of trustees at Jacksonville College. Our prayers and the prayers of our church family are with the entire Cline family.*

*Charles & Charlotte Johnson
Rosewood Baptist Church
Gilmer, TX*

Charles & Charlotte Johnson - June 05, 2020 at 05:56 PM

MM

“ Carol, Richard and I are so sorry for the loss of your beloved Kenneth. He was such a fine man and a true example of a Godly man. We see in Darrell a true reflection of his daddy. Again, our sincere condolences. Marilyn and Richard Meece.

Marilyn MEECE - June 05, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Cline.



June 05, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Cline.



June 05, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - June 04, 2020 at 10:29 PM

KB

“ *Kim K., Brenda L., Rebecca M., and Lori B. purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Kenneth Wayne Cline.*



Kim K., Brenda L., Rebecca M., and Lori B. - June 04, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Cline.*



June 03, 2020 at 07:43 PM

JS

“ *Jerry And Shirley Barnett Sr lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Cline*



Jerry and Shirley Barnett Sr - June 03, 2020 at 05:42 PM

TY

“ *A beautiful life lived Mr. Cline. Condolences and prayers to your family.*

Tara Yarbrough-Smith County Property Tax

Tara Yarbrough - June 03, 2020 at 10:16 AM

KH

“ *Aunt Carol and family I'm truly sorry for your loss. Uncle Kenneth was such a wonderful example of a Christ follower. The joy that he had in teaching children the Word during children's church was contagious. As a child I loved going with Grandma to Red Springs Baptist Church because I knew I'd get to worship God with my family. Aunt Carol and Uncle Kenneth were a big part of that.*

Kristel Holt - June 02, 2020 at 08:33 PM



“ *Lajuanda Morrow lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Cline*



Lajuanda Morrow - June 02, 2020 at 08:25 PM

LR

“*Brother Kenneth Cline was one of the most genuinely kind people I have ever known. He loved people, especially children in which he poured into them the love of Jesus Christ. I am so blessed to have had him and Mrs. Carol as Sunday school teachers, they even poured into my son. Bro. Kenneth will forever be remembered in all the hearts of those he came in contact with.*”

Loretta Roquemore - June 02, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“*Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Cline.*”



June 02, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“*Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Cline.*”



June 02, 2020 at 10:50 AM

LW

“*Linda Willis lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Cline*”



Linda Willis - June 02, 2020 at 10:14 AM

HM

“ *Fond memories of Mr.Cline. Such a kind man of God, taught my children to Love the ILord.*

Holly McFarland-Meier



Holly McFarland Meier - June 02, 2020 at 09:29 AM

TT

“ *TIM & MARY THOMPSON lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Cline*



TIM & MARY THOMPSON - June 02, 2020 at 08:46 AM

MC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mike Combs - June 02, 2020 at 12:18 AM

JB

“ *Jerry Jr And Debbie Dudley Barnett lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Cline*



Jerry Jr and Debbie Dudley Barnett - June 01, 2020 at 09:34 PM

GS

“ *Gloria Smith lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Wayne Cline*



Gloria Smith - May 31, 2020 at 10:53 PM

KD

“ *Karen Damon lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Wayne Cline*



Karen Damon - May 31, 2020 at 10:05 PM