



## Lawrence "Bud" Galloway Riggs

June 19, 1930 - September 27, 2019

Lawrence Galloway "Bud" Riggs, 89, a life-time resident of Mesquite and Forney, Texas passed away at his home in Forney on Friday, September 27, 2019.

The family will receive visitors at First Baptist Church, Forney, Texas; 1003 College Avenue, Forney, Texas 75126 on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Services will be held at First Baptist Church, Forney, Texas on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at 1:00 pm. The Reverend Jerry Griffin will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Phillip Pyle, Michael Cates, Mark Poindexter, Larry Henard, David Baker and Bryan Beavers.

Burial will be at Mesquite Cemetery on Walker Street in Mesquite.

Bud was born on June 19, 1930, to Annie Galloway and Shelby Echol Riggs, his grandparents were Mittie Pearl Ballard and William Alfred Riggs, and Nannie Lawrence and Bedford Forest Galloway, all of Mesquite.

Bud began as a volunteer fireman while in high school then in 1958, the City of Mesquite went from volunteer to a paid fire department which Bud was the

first fireman to be hired. During his 25 years of service, Bud worked his way up through the ranks to retire in 1983 as Deputy Chief.

Bud worked with many smaller area Fire Department over the years, helping them find the right equipment for their community. By the early 1970's this had become a business which he operated until 2005.

Bud was also an instructor at Texas Fireman's Training School at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas for 36 years.

He was predeceased by his eldest brother Shelby E. Riggs, Jr., and wife Mary Hill Riggs, and by his youngest brother Jarrell Edward "Jerry" Riggs.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Betty Ganze Riggs, their daughter Cheryl Riggs Ogden and husband Charles Anthony ("Tony") and son Brett of Maryland, as well as their son Paul D. Riggs, his wife Sharon Briscoe Riggs, and their daughters Kristi Edwards and husband Josh with two sons Blevin & Brinnon, and Kaci Myers and husband Cash with daughters Marli & Westi, sons Strait & Ketch.

Bud was the second of eight children, and is survived by Mary Ann Hearon and family of Arizona, Julia Riggs of Victoria, Texas, Carol Anderson and her husband Durward of Forney, Richard F. Riggs and his wife Juanita and family of Forney, Thomas B. Riggs and wife Barbara and family of Maryland.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in the name of L.G. (Bud) Riggs to the charitable organization of your choice or Forney Volunteer Fire Department.

# Cemetery Details

## Mesquite City Cemetery

400 Holley Park Dr.  
Mesquite, TX 75149

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Forney  
1003 College St.  
Forney, TX 75126

## Funeral Service

OCT 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Forney  
1003 College St.  
Forney, TX 75126

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence "Bud" Galloway Riggs*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family of Bud Riggs, We did not hear of his passing. Bud was a very special friend. He has taught Gordon ( Snowball)*

*To understand the firetrucks and they had an amazing time working together. Bud attended Gordon's retirement. He will never be forgotten.*

*Our love and prayers,  
Gordon and Annette Kirk and family*



**Gordon Kirk** - October 15, 2019 at 10:46 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Bud" Galloway Riggs.*



October 02, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Bud" Galloway Riggs.*



October 02, 2019 at 09:49 AM

BL

“ We remember many IAFC Conferences we would drive together or sometimes fly and rent a car. Bud always wanted to do the driving. We enjoyed each others company plus a lot of the U.S.



*Bobby, as Fire Chief of Mansfield, always called Bud to come and work on the department's trucks. It was always done right. Bud knew his business and was a good and honest man.*

*We love you Bud, rest in peace. Betty, we love you so much and pray for your heart to know peace in the coming days.*

*Bob & Phyllis Looney*

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**Bob & Phyllis Looney** - October 02, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Bud" Galloway Riggs.



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October 01, 2019 at 09:16 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Bud" Galloway Riggs.



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October 01, 2019 at 12:12 PM



“ 177 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - October 01, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Bud" Galloway Riggs.



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October 01, 2019 at 07:24 AM

GH

“ Being raised around Mesquite most of my life, it was common to see Bud Riggs active in the community usually related to a fire department function. Often, working on equipment on the fire station driveway, at an accident or fire scene, and a fire safety event at school. Always in uniform or work overalls. He had this look through his glasses that froze you in place; followed by a hushed-laugh, and a draw on his trademark pipe, as he lit it. It seemed he always had the sharpest pocket knife and had it in his hand most of the time skillfully using it.

Once, I joined the Mesquite Fire Department Explorer program in high School, I found he had a funny sense of humor and enjoyed the tradition of firemen dunking ...”new” members or recruits in Central Fire Station’s goldfish pond.. He could fix, repair, make, or “Rigg” anything. An amazing man, fire fighter, husband, father, grandfather, friend, and neighbor. They don’t come any better than Bud Riggs. Our heartfelt condolences, thoughts, and prayers are with each of you today and in the days to come. May God bless and comfort you.

The Henson family  
Dorothy,  
Gill and Louise,  
Monty,  
Melanie & Rick Bolin  
and Kim.

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Gill Henson - October 01, 2019 at 02:36 AM

BD

“ Dear Bud thank you for giving me a chance to share in the vast knowledge that you had as a fireman. Thank you for taking the time every day for teaching me patience and virtue. Thank you for teaching me to slow down & see the bigger things in life. You have been a huge impact in the person I am today. You will be greatly missed but not forgotten... Bryan Duncan, Bullard, TX

Bryan Duncan - September 30, 2019 at 09:21 PM

MI

“ Marquelon Ingram-Hernandez purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lawrence "Bud" Galloway Riggs.



Marquelon Ingram-Hernandez - September 30, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Bud" Galloway Riggs.



September 30, 2019 at 08:39 AM

BK

“ Bob & Barbara Kaylor purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Lawrence "Bud" Galloway Riggs.



Bob & Barbara Kaylor - September 29, 2019 at 02:51 PM

LH

“ We would like to send our prayers and comfort to Betty and the family of their loss of a great man..we will all miss him ..May God bless all of you and comfort you..we love you all...Lester and Linda Hall

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**Lester and Linda Hall** - September 29, 2019 at 10:53 AM