



# Thomas Michael Sawyer

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**T**homas Michael Sawyer was born on October 6th, 1950 to Tom Sawyer and Marion Carroll Sawyer in Lamesa, Texas. He is survived by his wife and college sweetheart, Teresa Holmes Sawyer, whom he married November 12, 1994; his two sons, Michael Joseph Sawyer and Thomas Colt Sawyer, and his four step-children, Justin Gray, Joshua Gray, Jason Gray and Jennifer Gray. He loved his family and he treasured his many grandchildren.

Early in life, he developed a true passion for sports - football, baseball and basketball. Years of hard work and dedication paved his way to the games he loved and afforded him an opportunity to play professional sports, playing football for the Atlanta Falcons, and baseball for the Met's in the minor leagues. Later in life, he toured with regional softball leagues and was known as the "Home Run King." Many called him "Moose," an appropriate name for his size and athletic abilities.

He had an incredible ability to instantly retrieve sports trivia, game and player statistics, and team history dating back decades before he was even born. He could weave a story that would captivate you and make you yearn for more. His charm and knowledge could leave you believing you had actually experienced the game.

He was a very generous, gentle giant, who made friends in an instant and kept them close to his heart throughout his entire life. He was often known as "the life of the party," and he enjoyed every holiday and every game he played.

Later in life, he loved to cook, to bake and entertain his family and friends. He was a man you could never forget; he could make you believe in yourself and he could find humor in everything. His wit could make you laugh when you weren't sure why you were laughing. He was a loving and passionate husband and a friend to all who knew him. He loved the Lord, the life he was given, and the friends he made along the way.



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He was a treasure; the world is a smaller place without him.



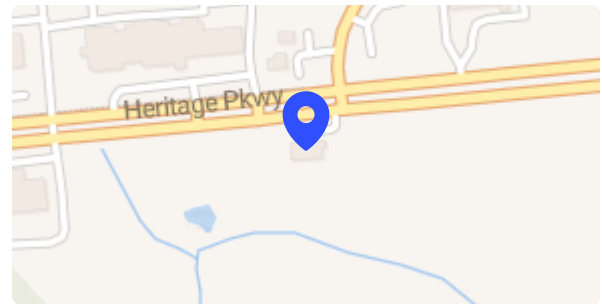
# Events

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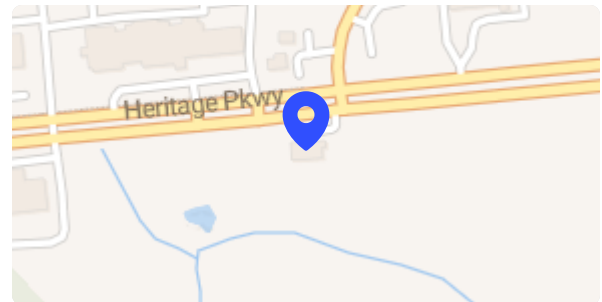
## Visitation

- Tuesday**, May 7, 2019
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- Mansfield Funeral Home & Cremations**  
1556 Heritage Parkway, Mansfield TX 76063



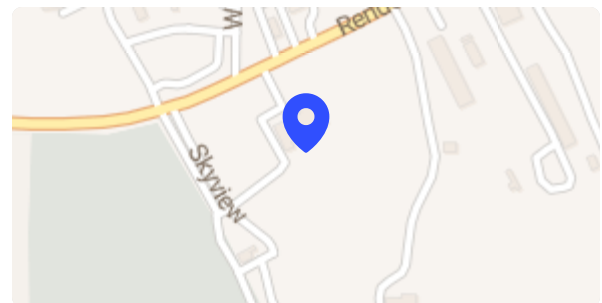
## Celebration of Life

- Tuesday**, May 7, 2019
- 11:00 AM CT
- Mansfield Funeral Home Prayer & Meditation Garden**  
1556 Heritage Pkwy, Mansfield TX 76063



## Burial

- Tuesday**, May 7, 2019
- 12:30 PM CT
- Skyvue Memorial Gardens**  
7220 Rendon Bloodworth Rd., Mansfield TX 76063





# Tribute Wall

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**Jerry Holloway** posted:

I had a friend Scott Bivin call me today and advised me that Mike had passed away. Mike was one of the finest people I have ever met. He helped people and gave of himself on a daily basis. He was a happy person, had a wonderful out look on life and enjoyed living and helping others. We worked together at UNC in Odessa and he set up and moved all the freight in and out for us. No shipment was too small when shipping domestically or if it was an international shipment. He always came through for us. He helped me in one of my lowest points in life and I will never forget him. When I think of him, I see him smiling, laughing and he would have his cowboy boots on and his cowboy hat. One time my wife was in a bad car wreck and he and Teresa picked up my daughter and kept her for me until things got better. He was big and tall, and his heart was just as big and he had love for anyone that needed it. Mike thank you for being my friend and helping me when I needed it. Jerry & Joann Holloway Odessa, Texas

June 23 at 8:48 AM



**Sam Sawyer** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

I just want to echo what my sister Rachel said. Uncle Mike was someone we always looked forward to seeing. His heart was bigger than he was. To the entire family, we offer our prayers as you celebrate the life of a wonderful man.



May 6 at 5:07 PM



**Robert & Johnnie Love** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Mike was one of our dearest friends. I met Mike when I lived in Texas many years ago. Though I moved to Tennessee, many miles away, we kept in touch and remained friends through the years. He was a proud man who handled his illnesses with such grace. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.



May 6 at 3:15 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Sawyer family.

May 6 at 3:09 PM





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**Outside In Style Family** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Sawyer family.



May 5 at 11:54 AM



**Rachel Garner** sent a virtual gift in honor of Thomas.



Thomas Michael Sawyer was my uncle and always known as "Uncle Mike". My dad and Uncle Mike were 11 months apart in age and departed this world 11 months apart. I always loved spending time with Uncle Mike when I would come stay the summers with my grandmother in Texas. Seeing Uncle Mike was such a huge highlight on my trips. He was always so caring and i never wanted for anything when in his company. I remember leaving the airport the last visit to Texas and I was just in tears about leaving my grandmother and Uncle Mike just laughed at me and had me laughing by the time I boarded the airplane. He always told me stories about him growing up with my dad that kept me laughing. I pray peace over his family and pray for strength during this time. Uncle Mike will be missed but never forgotten. To me he was a Big Gentle Giant and I will always remember him that way. Rachel Sawyer-Garner

May 5 at 10:13 AM



**Johnny Dozier** May 6 at 1:24 PM

We all loved the Moose, he was a great athlete, friend, and classmate of class of 1968 , RIP and we will see you on the other side. God Bless his family. Johnny Dozier



**Paul Lentz** May 5 at 8:42 PM

Mike "Moose" to us who went to school with him and his brother Pat were a big part of T.A. Futrall High School class of 69 and 69. They were both highly thought of and loved by their classmates. We will miss them both.



**Rachel Garner** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



May 5 at 10:01 AM



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**Crystol Sawyer** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



May 5 at 9:58 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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