

Obituary

Everett Wayne Speas passed away on January 26, 2026.

Everett was born to Walter & Esther Speas at home in Cazenovia, Illinois on January 9, 1937. Everett was the second child and first-born son of their four children.

After graduating high school in 1955 he joined the Navy and served as an Airborne Early Warning Typhoon Tracker. He served in the Hawaiian Islands, Guam and Okinawa.

After being discharged from the Navy in 1959 he worked for Kalona Motor Company

In February 1960 he met the love of his life in Swisher, Iowa at a dance hall. The only problem was at the end of the night he couldn't remember her name. A friend told him it was Karen and he went to Westchester to find her. He and

Karen dated three months, and Karen asked "Why don't we get married?" Everett responded, "If you can live on my paycheck". They were married June 24, 1960.

The couple moved to Waco in 1967, and Everett worked for Gulf State Paper Company for five years. In March 1972 he began working for Central Freight Lines where he eventually retired after 30 years of dedicated service. Six weeks later he started working at Waco Streak.

Everett and Karen attended Cogdell Memorial United Methodist Church for more than fifty years. He was a Lay Speaker at White Settlement and Perry, Texas for two years, then became a partner at Renew Church.

Everett loved football and it didn't matter if it was high school, college, or professional football. He was, however, a die-hard Dallas Cowboy's fan.

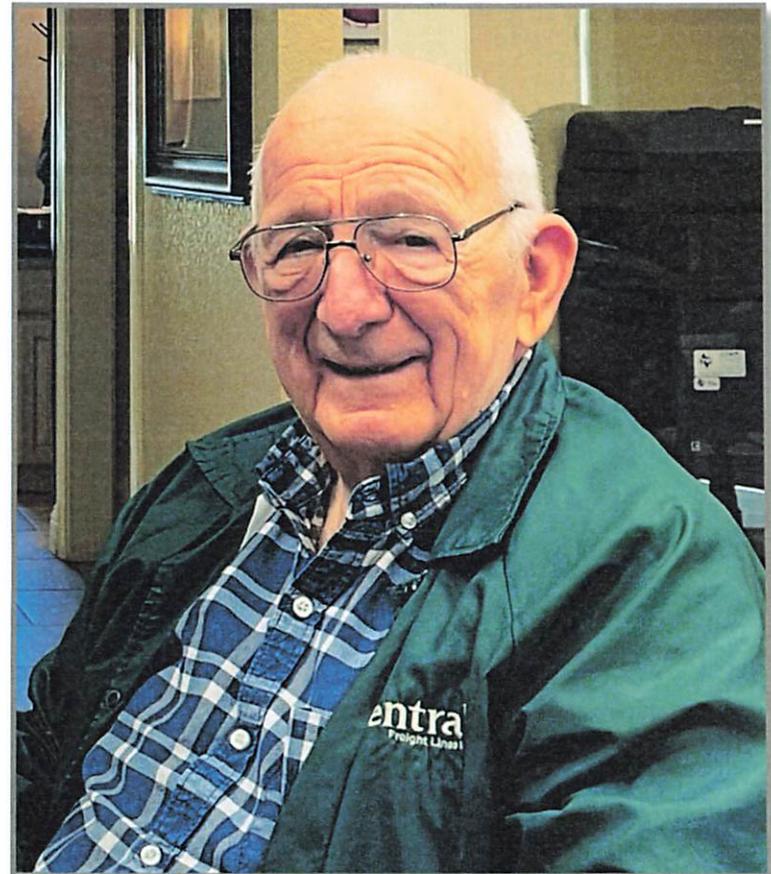
Everyone knew not to speak to him when they were playing.

Everett is survived by his daughters, Robin Gibson and her husband, Eddy, and Tammy Speas; his cherished grandchildren, Brandi, Jared, Tiffany, Jasmine, Brandon, and Elijah; numerous great-grandchildren, brother Ralph & Janet Speas, extended family, and friends who will forever hold his memory dear.

Everett was preceded in death by his parents Walter & Esther Speas; his beloved wife, Karen Speas; his grandson, Robert Charles "Tre" Taplin, III; and two of his siblings.

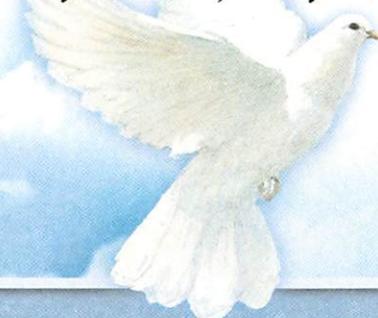
Services in Care Of
Waco Memorial FH & Cemetery
Waco, Texas

In Memory Of



Everett Wayne Speas

January 9, 1937 ~ January 26, 2026





God looked

God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.

HE THEN LOOKED DOWN
UPON THE EARTH
AND SAW YOUR TIRED FACE

He put his arms around you
AND LIFTED YOU TO REST.
God's garden must be beautiful

HE ALWAYS TAKES THE BEST.

He saw the road was getting rough,
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids,

AND WHISPERED

"PEACE BE THINE".

It broke our hearts to lose you
BUT YOU DIDN'T GO ALONE,
For part of us went with you

THE DAY

God called you home



Everett Wayne Speas Funeral Services

1:00 PM, Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Waco Memorial Funeral Home Chapel

Waco, Texas

Officiating

Pastor Wayne Williams

Vocalist

Mackenzie Rock

Casket Bearers

Eddy Gibson Brandon Taplin

Jared Gibson Randall Roberts

John Speas Brandon Lofton

Honorary Casket Bearers

Robert Taplin, Jr - Robert Taplin, III - Brandi

Gibson - Tiffany Lofton

Elijah Taplin - Jasmine Harris

Interment

Waco Memorial Park