



TFMA MEMORIAL

December 2019

The purpose of the Texas Floodplain Management Association Memorial is to honor members who have passed away. We appreciate their contributions to the floodplain industry and we will never forget them.

The TFMA Memorial was created using information we are aware of and/or have in our files. However, it is possible we are missing or have the wrong information. If you see something is missing or needs to be updated, please submit any corrections to the TFMA office: TFMA@tfma.org. The following is a list of former TFMA members who have passed away and information regarding their lives:

In Memoriam

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- Barr, Harold Milhouse, Jr.
- Beard, Glen Howard
- Bennett, James Thurston
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- Rendon, Raymundo "Ray", Jr.
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- Ward, Gilbert Robert
- Watson, Thomas Robert
- Wright, Kathy Joan Hamby
- Woods, George Kenneth
- Zwerschke, William Ray "Billy", Sr.





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Alvarez, Jimmy



Born: 20 October 1957 – Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin
Died: 02 April 2011 – Texas
Burial: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas

TFMA Member:

Certified Floodplain Manager: 2009

Veteran: Private, U.S. Army

Jimmy was born on October 20, 1957 and passed away on April 2, 2011 (age of 53). He was born in Racine, Wisconsin to Jose and Juanita Alvarez as the 3rd youngest of their 8 children. Jimmy, often referred to as Dad, Pops, or Uncle Jimmy, was a loving and caring father, son, brother, uncle, and active grandfather. Jimmy was last employed in San Antonio.

Barr, Harold Milhouse, Jr.

Born: 21 December 1949 – Odessa, Ector County, Texas
Died: 07 November 2004 – Tyler, Smith County, Texas
Burial: Danville Cemetery, Kilgore, Gregg County, Texas

TFMA Pioneer Member: 1988

TFMA Board of Directors: Chairman – 1988-1991; Region 7 Representative 1991-1997

Certified Floodplain Manager:

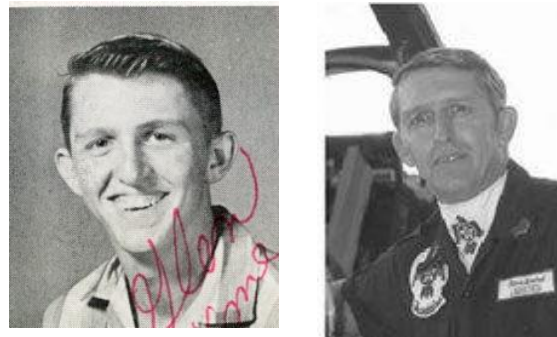
Harold was born on December 21, 1949 and passed away on November 7, 2004 (age of 55) in Tyler, Smith County, Texas. Harold was one of the very early Pioneer members of TFMA, joining in 1988 and he served as the first Chairman of the TFMA Board of Directors from 1988-1991. He was employed by City of Longview.





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Beard, Glen Howard



Born: 14 May 1945 – Amarillo, Potter County, Texas
Died: 15 August 2016 – Denton, Denton County, Texas
Burial: Lawler Cemetery, Florence, Williamson County, Texas

TFMA Member:

FEMA Region VI – Denton, Texas – NFIP Natural Hazards Program Specialist
Retired – 20+ years of service

Provided NFIP assistance to local communities, provided training to Texas floodplain managers, Substantial Damage Estimator (SDE) training specialist, provided floodplain management and mitigation assistance to communities during federally declared disasters.

Veteran: Technical Sergeant – U.S. Air Force – Vietnam (Retired 1988)

Glen Howard Beard was born on May 14, 1945 in Amarillo, Texas and passed away on August 15, 2016 in Denton, Texas. Glen was an avid runner in track making All District his Junior and Senior years, President of his Senior class, and graduated from Tascosa High School in 1964 holding the title of Tascosa Dan Outstanding Senior.

He was drafted into the Army shortly after graduation, served in the Vietnam War and after serving his country for 20 years, he retired from the United States Air Force in 1988 as a Technical Sargent. During his service he had the honor of traveling worldwide as the Logistics NCOIC for the USAF Thunderbirds.

After retirement from the Air Force, Glen moved his family back home to Texas where he retired from FEMA after over 20 years. Glen received recognition for outstanding service to FEMA Region VI Mitigation Division, Floodplain Management and Insurance Branch for assisting communities in promoting the National Flood Insurance Program.





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Bennett, James Thurston



Born: 14 October 1945 – Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma
Died: 18 May 2018 – Austin, Travis County, Texas
Burial: Smithfield Cemetery, North Richland Hills, Tarrant County, Texas

TFMA Member

Certified Floodplain Manager: 2002

Veteran: Major – U.S. Air Force Reserves (Retired)

James Thurston Bennett, aged 72, resident of North Richland Hills, died on May 18, 2018 in Austin, TX with his wife by his side. James was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma on October 14th, 1945 to Allyn C. Bennett and Margaret E. Thurston. He graduated from Temple High School in 1964, Baylor University in 1969 with a Bachelor of Business Administration, Texas A&M University in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and The University of Texas in Arlington in 1985 with a Masters of Engineering. James also achieved certifications as a Professional Engineer and Flood Plain Manager.

After a long and successful career as a Civil Engineer, he retired from the FAA in 2011. James was also a veteran, serving in the United States Air Force on active duty for four years and as a Reservist for 16 years. Upon retirement, he had achieved the rank of Major.





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Connell, Robert Noel "Rob"



Born: 28 January 1950 - Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas
Died: 2012 – Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Burial: Lovers Lane United Methodist Church Columbarium, Dallas, Dallas County, TX

TFMA Member:
Certified Floodplain Manager: 2010

FEMA Region VI – Denton, Texas – NFIP Natural Hazards Program Specialist
Provided NFIP assistance to local communities, training for local floodplain managers and disaster and mitigation assistance during presidentially declared disasters.

Robert "Rob" Connell was born on 28 January 1950 in Corpus, Christi, Nueces County, Texas. Rob passed away in 2012 while stationed at the Baton Rouge JFO. He had been a part of the FEMA Region VI family for many years. Rob served as a Natural Hazards Program Specialist in the Floodplain Management and Insurance Branch within the Mitigation Division since 2008. Prior to that date, he had worked as a Disaster Assistance Employee with duties ranging from Mitigation Specialist to Mitigation Branch Director. He graduated from Texas A&M in 1974 and was also a Certified Floodplain Manager.

A native of Corpus Christi, Texas, he resided in Argyle, Texas with his wife, Patti, and many pets. He loved hiking, camping, cross country skiing, hunting, fishing and traveling. He enjoyed Colorado where he and Patti own a home that they designed and actively assisted with the construction.





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Dodson, Roy Don



Born: 02 July 1955 – Wheeler, Wheeler County, Texas
Died: 10 December 2018 – Houston, Harris County, Texas
Burial:

TFMA Member:
Certified Floodplain Manager:

Roy Don Dodson was born on July 2, 1955 in Wheeler, Texas and passed on December 10, 2018 (age of 63) in Huston Texas. Roy Don Dodson, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, was born to George and Vivian Dodson. He placed his faith in Christ as a child and was guided by this faith throughout his life.

He received his undergraduate degree in 1978 from Texas Tech University and earned a graduate degree in 1980 from Stanford University. Roy married Pamela Hart on June 28, 1980, and established his own civil engineering and hydrology firm, Dodson and Associates, in 1983. Roy and Pam had two children, Bradley David Dodson and Alana Kay Harrison. Roy was devoted to his family and loved his wife, children, and new grandson, Bauer Roy Harrison, with all his heart. Roy and his family have attended Champion Forest Baptist Church since 1986. Roy used his many talents to serve the Lord through the church.





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Hoff, Dale Richard



Born: 15 February 1948 – Escondido, California
Died: 05 November 2017 - Utah
Burial: Cedar City, Utah

TFMA Member:

Certified Floodplain Manager: 2001

TFMA Special Recognition: 2016

FEMA Region VI – Denton, Texas – NFIP Natural Hazards Program Specialist – 1983-2017
FEMA Retirement Party – 23 October 2017 – 34 years of service
Primary FEMA trainer for NFIP, hazard mitigation and floodplain management.
Specialized in the FEMA 4-day L-273 Training for floodplain manager

Dale Richard Hoff was born in Escondido, California on February 15, 1948 to Floyd Roland Hoff and Yvonne Covington. He died unexpectedly on November 5, 2017 at the age of 69 while on vacation in Utah. He was a retired FEMA employee and resident of Denton, Texas. Dale was buried in Cedar City, Utah on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

Dale served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the South Germany Munich mission. He received a Bachelors in German from Southern Utah University, a Masters in Safety from Central Missouri State, and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of North Texas. While in the Air Force, he served in disaster preparedness and as a Minute Man Missile Officer. He started working for FEMA, Region VI, September 19, 1983 and retired from mitigation and floodplain management on October 28, 2017.





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Hopkins, Phillip McClanahan, Sr.



Born: 19 September 1937 – Trinity, Trinity County, Texas
Died: 26 February 2011 – Tiki Island, Galveston County, Texas
Burial: Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery, Dickinson, Galveston County, Texas

TFMA Member:

Certified Floodplain Manager: 2010

Building Official and Floodplain Administrator for Village of Tike Island, Texas.

Phillip McClanahan Hopkins, Sr., 73, of Tiki Island, Texas passed away on February 26, 2011, in his home on Tiki Island. He was born on September 19, 1937 in Trinity, Texas to his parents Sanford and Lois Hopkins. He graduated from Reagan High School in Houston Texas. He obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering at Tri State College in Angola, Indiana, his Masters Degree of Electrical Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, Maryland, and his Ph.D. at the University of Houston. He was a Professional Engineer (P.E.), a Fellow of the IEEE, and an adjunct professor at the University of Houston. He worked for and retired from Lockheed Martin at the Johnson Space Center. He was the current Mayor of Tiki Island, president of the Galveston County Mayor and Council Member Association, former Tiki Island Alderman, and former Tiki Island Civic Association President.

Phillip came from humble beginnings and worked hard for everything he had in life. He is a cancer survivor and never lost his spirit or humor during his treatment. He retired and moved to Tiki Island, Texas where he could live by the water and to pursue his favorite hobby, fishing. Phillip is known by all as a generous and kind man, and an intellectual who was versed on topics ranging from physics to angling. Everyone has been touched by him will never forget his spirit for life. He traveled the world with family and friends. He loved to celebrate the good time and was always there to offer comfort and consolation to those in pain.





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Howard, James Michael “Mike”



Born: 15 September 1950 – Austin, Travis County, Texas
Died: 22 April 2011 – Austin, Travis County, Texas
Burial: Cook-Walden Capital Parks Cemetery, Pflugerville, Travis County, Texas

TFMA Member:

Certified Floodplain Manager: 1998

TFMA Honors: TFMA Special Achievement Award – 2003; TFMA – Presented Posthumously – 2013 – “Roy D. Sedwick” Award; TFMA Memorial: Mike Howard Endowed Scholarship Fund – Sul Ross University, Alpine; TFMA Honor: Mike Howard Distinguished Lectureship Series –TFMA Annual Conference; TWDB – Texas NFIP State Coordinator – 1997-2004

Mike was born on September 15, 1950 in Austin, Texas and passed away on April 22, 2011 (age of 60) in Travis County. Mike will long be remembered for his long years of public service which started in 1969 with the original Texas Water Development Board. Most of his public service work involved floodplain management and Mike became the State NFIP State Coordinator in 1997, under the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and then under the Texas Water Development Board before his retirement in August 2004. Mike accepted a position at the Texas Department of Rural Affairs until he made his final retirement in May 2011. Mike gave 42 years of his life to public service, dedicated to improving the environment, protecting the state’s valuable water resources and floodplains, and most of all saving precious life from floods and other disasters. Mike was also honored to serve as the ASFPM Board of Directors Secretary from June 2000 until June 2002.

To honor the memory of Mike and to recognize his public service and dedication to floodplain management and flood safety, TFMA created the *James Michael Howard Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund* at Sul Ross University in 2011. Sul Ross was Mike’s alma mater having completed his degree in August 1992.

In 2014, TFMA created the “*James Michael Howard Distinguished Lectureship Series*” to recognize Mike’s continuing and everlasting contributions to the State’s floodplain management program and his passionate dedication to assisting local floodplain managers.





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Jansky, Jacqueline Renee (Wheeler)



Born: 14 February 1966 – Fort Campbell, Christian County, Kentucky
Died: 23 April 2013 – Houston, Harris County, Texas
Burial:

TFMA Member:

Certified Floodplain Manager: No

Jacqueline was born February 14, 1966 in Fort Campbell, Kentucky and passed away April 23, 2013 (age 47) in Houston, Harris County, Texas. She graduated from Wharton High School in 1984 and then attended Wharton County Junior College. She married Rick Allen Jansky on December 22, 2002 in Wharton. Jackie was the Assistant to the City Manager of the City of Wharton for eleven years. She was also active and supported Texas Colorado River Flash Flood Coalition.

Jacqueline enjoyed hunting, fishing, BBQ cook offs, cooking, sewing and cross-stitching. She enjoyed being outdoors.





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Lamb, Joe Lorin



Born: 16 May 1962 – Odessa, Ector County, Texas
Died: 09 December 2009 – Houston, Harris County, Texas
Burial: Oak Bluff Memorial Park, Port Neches, Jefferson County, Texas

TFMA Member

Certified Floodplain Manager: 2003
TFMA Board of Directors: Region 9 Regional Director – 2003-2009
Veteran: U.S. Army – Airborne Pathfinder – 1981-1984

Joe Lorin Lamb, age 47, passed away on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at Park Plaza Hospital. Joe was born May 16, 1962, to Robert and Mary Evelyn (Henson) Lamb in Odessa, Texas. He was a 1980 graduate of Odessa High School. He served in the U. S. Army as an Airborne Pathfinder from 1981 to 1984. He was Chief Building Official for the City of Port Aransas for the past seven years.

Joe also served as the Region 9 Director for the Texas Flood Plain Management Association, and had been an active member since 2002. He was also appointed to the Governor's State Task Force for Homeland Security/FEMA. Joe wore many hats while working for the City of Port Aransas. He was the City Fire Marshall, Plans Examiner, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, and Structural Inspector, Flood Plain Administrator, Director of Code Enforcement and as he like to say "The Custodian after 3:00." Joe was also involved in the Port Aransas Soccer Association, and also held various positions within the Odessa Soccer Association and the Gregory-Portland Soccer Association. He touched many children's lives and volunteered numerous hours mentoring children of all ages. Of all of his accomplishments he was most proud of the legacy he would leave with the children he touched. He believed if you can touch a child's life you will live forever.





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Mendes, Paul Peter



Born: 09 May 1944 – New York City, New York
Died: 22 August 2019- Woodlands, Montgomery County, Texas
Burial:

TFMA Member:

Certified Floodplain Manager: 1998

TFMA Activities: Conference Photojournalist

Veteran: U.S. Army – 5th Group Special Forces “Green Berets” – Vietnam – 3 tours

Paul was born on May, 9, 1944 in New York City, New York and passed away on August 22, 2019 (age of 75) in the Woodlands, Texas. Paul spent his youth in Highlands, New Jersey.

A childhood on the Shrewsbury River (New Jersey) made young Paul an accomplished boater and he and his brothers used their smarts and skill to out maneuver and torment the local marine police. Devising intricate “escape strategies” to jump sandbars or maneuver deftly across underwater anchor cables, it was clear from an early age that he possessed a tactical mind. After graduating high school Paul attended Sam Houston State University where he received his degree in Photoengraving with a minor in Photography, and later completing his master’s degree in public service administration.

Paul was a proud member of the ROTC at Sam Houston and accepted his first commission directly out of college spending the next ten years in the U.S. Army 5th Group Special Forces, commonly known as the Green Berets. He served three tours in Vietnam, and was on one of the last choppers out after Saigon fell. Paul volunteered to return to Vietnam with JCRC (Joint Casualty Resolution Center) to recover soldiers missing in action and had a passion for bringing his fellow soldiers’ home.





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Millican, Donald Ray, Sr.

Born: 09 August 1931 – Anadarko, Caddo County, Oklahoma
Died: 21 December 2005 – Port Neches, Jefferson County, Texas
Burial: Oak Bluff Memorial Park, Port Neches, Jefferson County, Texas

TFMA Member:

Certified Floodplain Manager:

Veteran: U.S. Army - Korea

Donald was born August 9, 1931 in Anadarko, Caddo County, Oklahoma, the son of David Riley Millican and Annie Belle Runyan. He passed on December 21, 2005 (age of 74) in Port Neches, Jefferson County, Texas.

Mondin, Hazel Elaine (Bode)



Born: 06 May 1936 – New Braunfels, Guadalupe County, Texas
Died: 30 August 2018 – Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas
Burial: Eden Cemetery, Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas

TFMA Member:

Certified Floodplain Manager:

TFMA Board of Directors: Board Secretary – 1993-1997

Hazel Bode Mondin was born on May 6, 1936 in New Braunfels, Texas and passed on August 30, 2018 (age 82) in Seguin, Texas. She was a member of the graduating Class of 1954 at Seguin High School. She worked at the Flour Mill in Seguin and then for many years at Seguin State Bank (where she was known as “Witch Hazel”). She also drove a school bus for Seguin ISD, and worked for the Guadalupe County Health and Sanitation and HEB. During “retirement” her passion was her garden and selling produce and canned goods at the Seguin Farmers Market. She did radio programs on gardening and worked closely with the Texas Agri-Life Extension Service. She thoroughly enjoyed meeting her fellow classmates at the monthly meeting of the 50’s Chicks Luncheon as well as her previous co-workers at Seguin State Bank. She enjoyed being a part of Seguin Farmers Market, Agri Extension Livestock Judging Committee, Extension Livestock Advisor Board, and the Guadalupe County Fair Association (where she started the Bake-Off).





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Pribble, Robert “Terry”



Born: 24 September 1942 – Lampasas County, Texas
Died: 31 July 2014 – Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Burial: Goldthwaite Memorial Cemetery, Goldthwaite, Mills County, Texas

TFMA Member:

Certified Floodplain Manager: 1998

TFMA Board of Directors: Region 2 Director -1988-2012

TFMA Honors: Pioneer Award (original 25 year member)
Legacy Award; Lifetime Membership

Robert Terry Pribble 71, of Abilene, passed away Thursday, July 31, 2014. Terry was born September 24, 1942 in Lampasas, Texas to Arthur and Elizabeth Pribble. He was a member of Grace Tabernacle Ministries. He graduated from the University of Texas in August 1966 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He retired from the City of Abilene with thirty-five years as a Civil Engineer and he served as the City’s Floodplain Administrator,

He was a member of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers as well as TOPS and obtained his Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) designation from Texas Floodplain Management Association.





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Rendon, Raymundo “Ray”, Jr.



Born: 16 February 1949 – Laredo, Webb County, Texas
Died: 25 August 2016 – San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas
Burial: Mission Burial Park North, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas

TFMA Member:
Certified Floodplain Manager: 2005

Raymundo (Ray) was born on February 16, 1949 and passed on August 25, 2016. Ray departed unexpectedly in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 67. Ray was born to the late Raymundo and Minerva Rendon in Laredo, Texas on February 16, 1949. He graduated from J.W. Nixon High School in Laredo and attended Texas A&M University in College Station, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1976. Ray followed in the footsteps of his uncles who had also attended Texas A&M and was a very proud Aggie.

Ray was a Professional Engineer and first started his career working for his uncle Albert B. Fernandez. He spent 7 years as the Bexar County engineer and then served 17 years as the Bandera County engineer until his retirement in February 2015. Ray also enjoyed photography as a hobby and was always the man with the camera at every family gathering. Ray was a hardworking man who took great pride in his work and providing for his family. More than anything else, he was so very proud of his family and his greatest joy in life was spending time at home with his family. Ray was a kind and loving husband, father, and grandfather.





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Shaver, Sidney Moreland, Sr.



Born: 11 September 1925 – Gilliam, Louisiana
Died: 01 March 2015 – Houston, Harris County, Texas
Burial:

TFMA Member:

Certified Floodplain Manager:

TFMA Board Member: Region 8 Representative 1991-1993; Vice-Chair 1993-1995;
Chairman 1995-1997

TFMA Honors: TFMA Floodplain Manager of the Year, 1997, Fort Bend County

Veteran: U. S. Navy – World War II, Korea

Sidney Moreland Shaver was born September 11, 1925 in Gilliam, LA to James N. and Myrtle G. Shaver and passed away peacefully on March 1, 2015. Growing up he participated in all sports, was an Eagle Scout and loved the outdoors. Later in life he ran marathons and relished fishing trips in Louisiana with relatives, especially Wilfred Danos, his brother in law. He was proud to have served in the US Navy during WWII aboard the USS Scott patrolling the North Atlantic. Later he was called back to service and participated in the Korean War through its entirety. He earned the American Theatre(1 Star), European Theatre, Victory and Korean, Navy Occupation medals.

He truly loved his LSU Tigers and was a devoted alumni and also attended South Texas College of Law, attaining many academic awards. Frequently he could be found in some remote location parked, listening to WWL, New Orleans, broadcasting Tiger games.

For many years, he worked as a geophysicist for Halliburton, Texaco, Mitchell Energy and Houston Oil & Minerals. He later changed careers working as a hydrologist for Ft. Bend County and FEMA on flood control projects.





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Strobel, Joseph Alan “Joe”

Born: 09 March 1940 – Great Bend, Barton County, Kansas
Died: 14 June 2011 – Richmond, Fort Bend County, Texas
Burial:

TFMA Member:

Certified Floodplain Manager: No

Joseph Alan Strobel, "Joe" died in Richmond Texas on June 14, 2011 at the age of 71. Joe was born on March 09, 1940 in Great Bend, Kansas. He married Dot Shaner on June 03, 1961 at St. Rose Catholic Church in Great Bend, Kansas. In 1971 Joe graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Kansas.

Joe's career started in Lawrence Kansas and then his career led him to Texas, Maryland and Saudi Arabia. His last job before his stroke was with FEMA, he truly loved his job. He belonged to American Society of Civil Engineering both in San Antonio and Austin chapters. He retired in the hill country of Texas and was involved with Saint Mary's Catholic Church and Wimberley Valley Habitat of Humanity.





TFMA MEMORIAL

Ward, Gilbert Robert



Born: 10 August 1953 – Plainview, Hale County, Texas
Died: 14 June, 2016 – Austin, Travis County, Texas
Burial:

TFMA Member:

Certified Floodplain Manager:

TFMA Honors: Agency of the Year Award – 2014 – Gilbert Ward/TWDB

TWDB: State and Federal Grants Manager – Flood Mitigation Projects

Gilbert was born on August 10, 1953 in Plainview, Texas and passed away in Austin on June 14, 2016 at age 62. He was the son of Haskell and Eloise Ward. He moved to Austin in 1971 to attend the University of Texas, graduating in 1975 with the B.S. in Geology.

A licensed Professional Geoscientist, Gilbert studied the geology and hydrology of Texas for his entire professional life, working for Espey, Huston & Associates, Inc., International Technology Corporation, and, since 1995, the Texas Water Development Board. For the Board, in recent years, he was responsible for managing state and federal grants for projects in flood mitigation throughout the state.

Gilbert loved music and his tastes were eclectic. He enjoyed the natural areas of Texas and frequently took his family camping. He was an avid sportsman throughout his life, playing baseball, softball, golf, racquetball and handball, and had an encyclopedic knowledge of collegiate and professional sports, especially his beloved Longhorns.





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Watson, Thomas Robert

Born: 15 April 1945 – Toledo, Ohio
Died: 08 June 2002 – Gainesville, Cook County, Texas
Burial: Fairview Cemetery, Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas

TFMA Member:

TFMA Board of Directors: Vice-Chairman 1988-1991; Chairman 1991-1993

Veteran: Sergeant U.S. Army – Vietnam

Thomas was born April 15, 1945 and passed away in June 2002 (age of 57) in Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas. Tom was the first paid member to join TFMA during the initial organization meeting of TFMA. He walked up to the front podium and laid out his \$20 and stated “I want to be the first paid member of this association”. He was a member from 1988 and retained his membership until his retirement. Tom’s devotion to TFMA was clearly shown during his tenure as TFMA Board Vice-Chairman 1989-1991 and as Chairman from 1991- 1993.

Until his retirement, Tom served as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Gainesville and Cooke County and also served as Floodplain Manager. Tom is best remembered as the person who introduced Gerry the Elephant to TFMA. She survived the 1981 flood of the Gainesville Zoo by anchoring herself in a tree top and extending her trunk above the water line to breath until floodwaters receded. Gerry was adopted as the Mascot of TFMA.

Wright, Kathy Joan (Streich-Hamby)

Born: 06 July 1955 - Mississippi
Died: 19 April 2003 – Angleton, Brazoria County, Texas
Burial:

TFMA Member:

Certified Floodplain Manager;

Kathy Joan Streich Hamby was born on July 6, 1955 and passed away on April 19, 2003 (age of 47) in Angleton, Brazoria County, Texas. Kathy was employed by Brazoria County and served as their Floodplain Administrator.





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Woods, George Kenneth

Born: 13 March 1931 – San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas
Died: 12 July 2001 – Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas
Burial:

TFMA Member:

Certified Floodplain Manager:

TFMA Board of Directors: Region 6 Director – 1988-1997

George K. Woods, son of Willie Ford Woods, Jr. and Olga Ann Fritsch Woods, was born on March 13, 1931 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. He passed away on July 12, 2001 (age of 70) in Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas.

George was one of the early members of TFMA and was the only local floodplain manager to “sport a badge”. George worked for Guadalupe County, serving as the Floodplain Manager and Health Inspector (thus the badge).

Zwerschke, William Ray “Billy” Sr.



Born: 14 July 1933 – Port O’Conner, Calhoun County, Texas
Died: 21 August 2017 – Victoria, Victoria County, Texas
Burial: Six Mile Cemetery, Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, Texas

TFMA Member:

Certified Floodplain Manager: 1997

TFMA Honors: Floodplain Manager of the Year, 1996, Port Lavaca/Calhoun County
Pioneer Award – 2015 (25 years of TFMA service)

Veteran: U.S. Navy





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William Ray “Billy” Zwerschke was born on July 14, 1933 and passed on August 21, 2017 (age of 84). He was born to the late W.W. and Thelma Madden Zwerschke. He graduated from Port Lavaca High School in 1951 then joined the U.S. Navy and received an honorable discharge. He served on Port Lavaca City Council as councilman and Mayor Pro Tem and was active in the Calhoun County Fair Assn, 4-H, FFA and San Antonio Livestock Show to support the youth. Billy was retired from SFOA (Football officiating). A member of the Masonic Lodge for 60 plus years, Billy served in the Port Lavaca Volunteer Fire Dept. (1953-1980), where he served as deputy fire chief. He worked for Calhoun County as Emergency Management Coordinator 1985-2000. He was a strong supporter of First Responders, Law Enforcement and Industrial Plants.

Upon retiring from Calhoun County Billy became active in FEMA, IAEM and Home Land Security. He received a Masters' Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Risk Management at Madison University.

