



Grover Charles Denman

September 14, 1934 - May 23, 2025

Grover Charles Denman; 90 years, 8 months, and 9 days; of Iola, TX; passed away peacefully at his home on Friday; May 23, 2025. Charles's life will be celebrated at 1PM on Thursday; May 29, 2025 at Cross Baptist Church in The Cross Community with Bro. Doug Dickey officiating. The burial will follow at Cross Cemetery. The visitation is scheduled from 5-7 on Wednesday; May 28, 2025 at Day Funeral Home in Madisonville, TX.

Charles was born on September 14, 1934 in Iola, TX to C.E. Denman and Malvinee (Edmunds) Denman Hughes. He graduated from Iola High School and attended The University of Houston. Charles enlisted in The United States Army and proudly served his country primarily in Germany from 1955 to 1959 at the close of the Korean War and at the beginning of the Vietnam War. After his enlistment, he began a thirty-two year career with Humble Oil Company, now known as Exxon. Upon his retirement from Exxon, he moved full time to his ranch in Iola where he managed his cattle operation and where he operated his bucking bull business, thanks to his grandson.

Charles was a deacon at Fellowship Freewill Baptist Church in Bryan, TX and enjoyed his life at his ranch, parking his truck under a good shade tree, following the Houston Astros, watching a good western on tv, attending rodeos, and spending time with his family who affectionately called him "Papa". He will be remembered as a very patient and kind-hearted man.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Bill Denman, John Denman, and Geraldine Radley.

Charles is survived by his wife of seventy years, Mary Charlene (McDuffie) Denman; his sons, Paul Denman and Mark Denman (Suzanne); his grandchildren, Josh Denman (Stacy), Evann Tolbert (John), Paden Shore (Nick), Brittany Cannon (Chris), Larry Denman (Catherine), Nicholas Denman, and Ben Denman (Jackie); his thirteen great grandchildren; and numerous other family members and friends.

Serving as pallbearers are: Chris Radley, Laramie Denman, Mike Reynolds, Adam Schultz, Walker Davis, and J-Gotti Goree. Serving as honorary pallbearers are: John Tolbert, Charles Tolbert, and Parker Shore.

Cemetery Details

Cross Cemetery

102 Co Rd
Iola, TX 77861

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Day Funeral Home
514 E Main St
Madisonville, TX 77864
(936) 348-2621
day.fh@yahoo.com
<https://www.dayfuneralhome.net>

Celebration of Life

MAY 29. 1:00 PM (CT)

Cross Baptist Church
CR 103
Iola, TX 77872

Tribute Wall



“ *Day Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Grover Charles Denman*



Day Funeral Home - May 29, 2025 at 12:32 PM

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“ *Words can't Express. The loss of Papa. Papa was the man that a man like my self would hope to be like. Papa would always say Hey my boy Are you been going? With a positive vibe that we know Papa to have . You know the hardest part is not having him here in flesh to give advise when needed or the uplift talk . Or the gettin on to with you realizing he's getting on to you until you've already left. I'll always hear you say OK My Boy sounds good . I know you will be here with us still guiding us all in your way. Papa I think you for the mentorship you have given me thru the years boy I sure needed them ! We will miss you always,even more each day ,at the pens ,hauling bulls to an event, or practices. Even more when You & I would be down at the barn fight the ol' poe cats trying to get one of those feed trucks going. Chasing down rogue bulls that ol josh gets with dart gun with Paul. Boy ol boy !*

Lucas Mosley - May 27, 2025 at 07:30 PM

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“ I have known Mr. Charles and his family all my life. I was just telling my daughter about the Denmans and the ranch. I think about the Denmans often because of the Eastside connection. Mr. Charles was always smiling and welcoming all to church plus he was someone who never had an excuse when it came to working on or at the church. I know my mom and dad have welcomed Charles into Heaven and they are having a great time. We will keep the Denman Family in our prayers

Steven Graham - May 27, 2025 at 03:43 PM

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“ My hero, I have known him all my life and have found there is no better role model. Jesus has one of the best, if not the best.

Chris Radley - May 27, 2025 at 02:21 PM

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Have know this sweet man and his sweet wife for many years. Praying for Charlene and family.

Frances Ellis - May 29, 2025 at 11:33 AM