



In Memory of

David Cordiner

February 19, 1927 – January 22, 2018

Obituary

Memorial mass for David “Dave” Cordiner, 90, of Temple, will be 10 a.m. Friday, January 26, at St. Luke’s Catholic Church in Temple with Father James Ekeocha officiating. Inurnment will take place at the church following the service.

Mr. Cordiner passed away Monday, January 22, at his home in Temple.

Dave Cordiner was born February 19, 1927 in Laramie, Wyoming to Frank B. Cordiner and Margaret Sundby Cordiner. He graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science in Geology. Prior to completing his degree, he was drafted in to the United States Army near the end of World War II until he was honorably discharged on October 31st, 1945. He married Rosemary Christine Cosens in 1957 and the couple had two children. In 1964 he moved to Houston, Texas and accepted a position as a technical writer – editor for NASA, where he worked for more than 20 years. While at NASA, Dave worked on the Gemini program, the Apollo landing and recovery flight operations division, and the space shuttle. After retiring from NASA, he worked for Rockwell International until retiring in 1991. Dave was a great family man and loving father and was involved in the Catholic Church for most of his life. He enjoyed genealogy, painting, singing in the St. Frances Cabrini Choir in Houston, Texas and the St. Paul’s Church Choir in Nassau, Texas and being an ESL tutor.

Mr. Cordiner was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Frank S. Cordiner of Casper, Wyoming and William S. Cordiner of Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary Christine Cordiner of Temple; daughters Carol Nelson and husband Brian of Temple and Barbara Randolph and husband John of Manhattan Beach, California; grandchildren Camille Randolph, Elyse Randolph, Elizabeth Nelson, and Drew Nelson and wife Meagan of Mt. Pleasant, Texas; great-granddaughter, Daphne Nelson; and a sister, Martha Benedict of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dave’s memory to the University of Wyoming Geology and Geophysics Department, 1000 East University Blvd., Laramie Wyoming 82071.