

Joe Giddens, 30 October 1939 – 23 December 2020, 81 – Dallas-Fort Worth Grotto.

It was sad to announce the passing of Joe Giddens on December 23, 2020. Joe and I go back to the early 70s as scuba diving buddies while working at General Dynamics in Fort Worth. In the early 70s, we both dove Jacobs Well in Wimberley. Joe found out that I was also into cave exploring and wanted to join the Dallas-Fort Worth Grotto. Joe became active and held the DFW Grotto chairmanship for a number of years. He also was named a fellow of the National Speleological Society. Additionally, Joe was an amateur radio operator, N5IOZ. He retired in Arkansas. — *Ron Miller*



Obituary for Joe Giddens

Joe Giddens of Thornton died Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at home.

Joe was born in 1939 at Borger, Texas to Athelda and Joe Giddens II. Survivors are his wife, Georgie of Thornton; three children, Ginger Cheek (Chris) of Tulsa, Jenny Giddens of Arlington, Texas, and Jimmy Walker of Longmont, Colo..

Joe also has two grandsons, Pip Cheek and Lindsey Walker; Sister, Betty Helen Bell (Folsom), and her children, Stephanie Bell and Jim; and sister, Nancy L. Berger and her daughter, Renee Austin (Jeramie Rittiluechai), and her sons Graham and Mitchell and her daughter Michelle Austin.

His degree was in Geology from the University of Texas, Arlington, and he enjoyed working in the oilfields of North Texas. His second career included General Dynamics, Fort Worth, Texas; Bell Helicopter, and LTV, Grand Prairie, Texas. Joe retired from Lockheed Missiles & Fire Control, Camden.

He enjoyed many interests such as spelunking, ham radio, canoeing and writing fire grants for local fire departments.

A Zoom memorial was held on Saturday, January 30, 2021. Arrangements were by Benton Funeral Home of Fordyce.