Services for Noble Martin Stidham Jr., 64, of Lubbock will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with the Rev. John Ballard officiating. Burial will be at noon Saturday in Electra Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock. He died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003.

He was born March 3, 1938, in Electra. He graduated from high school in Electra in 1956 and from Texas Tech in 1960. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Electra. He married Rosemary Byers in Electra in 1961. He joined the Army Reserves in 1960 and was called to active duty in 1961. After two years of active duty, he finished his reserve time in Lubbock in 1963. He owned and operated Mechanical Systems Inc. until retiring 2000. After retiring, he opened Eagle Self Storage. He volunteered as a part-time administrative assistant for 15 years at La Clinica. He helped form Lubbock Area Grotto and was secretary of Lubbock Amateur Contest Club.

Survivors include his wife, and his mother, Madeline Stidham of Lubbock.

Carl Kunath—Noble was a stalwart member of the Lubbock Area Grotto and was co-editor of the Texas Caver from 1994-1996.

William R. Elliott — Noble had a wry sense of humor. He would arrive at caver events in style, driving a big, black Cadillac with a carbide lamp for a hood ornament.