



In Loving Memory of

Clarence E. Grinstead

May 21, 1947 – January 31, 2024

Clarence “Eddie” Grinstead, a dedicated research technologist, problem solver, and family man, passed away on January 31, 2024. His legacy at Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) spans nearly 46 years, leaving an indelible mark on the institution and the hearts of those who knew him.

Eddie is preceded in death by his loving wife of 35 years Celia Grinstead, his parents, Clarence W. and Corene Grinstead, brothers TA Geib and Jean Geib, sister Virginia Trammel and his grandson Timothy Grinstead. He is survived by his son, Rodney Grinstead (daughter in law Paula Grinstead), his daughters Ronda Reed, Laura Reetz, Debi King (son in law Chris King); grandchildren Stephen Grinstead (Madeline Grinstead), Amber Kieslich (Zack Kieslich), Joshua Grinstead, Matthew Grinstead, Desiree Powell, Alexis Tinsley, Kaitlyn Tinsley and Gracie Tinsley; great grandchildren

Clark Kieslich, Emmett Kieslich, Deziah Powell, Carmelo Washington and Jai-ceon Reed and several nieces and nephews.

Eddie's career journey began on August 3, 1970, when he joined an automotive dealership. His passion for automotive mechanics soon led him to SwRI, where he embarked on a remarkable career. Eddie's resourcefulness and abilities became legendary, a testament to his unwavering commitment to innovation and progress.

Eddie helped establish the SwRI Locomotive Technology Center, where he spent the last 24 years of his tenure at SwRI. Here, he did his small part to improve public health as part of a team working to reduce air pollution from locomotives.

Beyond his professional achievements, Eddie was a devoted family man. His lake house, a haven of friendship and shared memories, witnessed countless gatherings. Whether tinkering with boat engines or lending a hand to neighbors, Eddie embodied the spirit of community.

As we bid farewell to our beloved Eddie, we honor a man who lived life like a true Texan—bold, resourceful, and always ready to tackle the next challenge. His legacy lives on in the locomotive engines he fine-tuned, the BBQ smoke that lingered in the air, and the love he poured into his family.

Rest in peace, Eddie Grinstead. Your legacy will forever fuel our hearts and minds.



