



## Harold James Filgo

August 19, 1919 - May 30, 2014

Harold James Filgo of Dallas, TX was born August 19, 1919, in Lancaster, TX to Holland Cleveland and Myrtle Lee (Hood) Filgo. He passed away peacefully on Friday, May 30, 2014, in Dallas. Harold graduated from Dawson High School in Dawson, TX, in 1936 and went on to earn a bachelors degree from Baylor University and a masters degree in education and administration from Southern Methodist University. Harold joined the U.S. Air Force in 1942 and proudly served until 1947, when he retired as a Major. During his service in World War II, he ferried airplanes and also flew 68 missions across the notorious India to China airlift known as the "Hump". For his service, Harold received the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Following an early career in teaching and coaching in Grapeland and Lancaster, Harold served in educational and administrative roles in DISD for almost 30 years. He taught mathematics at South Oak Cliff High School, and served as Principal of Rosemont Elementary, Thomas J. Rusk Jr. High, Sunset and W.W. Samuell High Schools. He was a proud leader whose enthusiasm for his students and fellow faculty members created lasting memories and relationships. During his tenure at Sunset and Samuell High Schools, Harold was a member and president of both the Oak Cliff and Pleasant Grove Rotary Clubs. After retirement from DISD in 1983, Harold continued his lifelong passion for raising livestock. Some of his favorite times were spent feeding his cattle and horses and watching his beloved cutting horses compete. Harold was a faithful member and lay-leader of Preston Hollow United Methodist Church, where he

will be remembered for his tireless dedication and his warm greetings.

Harold was preceded in death by wife of 51 years, Faye Griffin Filgo. He is survived by daughter Mary Lee Filgo Miller; grandchildren Kyle David Miller and wife Katy; Meredith Miller Bebee and husband Kyle; great grandchildren Stella Cate, Sutton and Miller Bebee, Emerson and Avery Miller; brother Dr. Holland Cleveland Filgo, Jr. of Boston, MA; sister Dorothy Jane Filgo of Lubbock, TX.

Harold's fun loving spirit and quick wit endeared him to everyone he met. He was a strong and humble man, who served his family, his friends, his church, his community, his country, and his Lord.

In lieu of flowers, Harold's family requests that memorials be made to Preston Hollow United Methodist Church, 6315 Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas, Texas 75230

# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood Cemetery

695 Nokomis Road  
Lancaster, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Preston Hollow United Methodist Church  
6315 Walnut Hill Lane  
Dallas, TX

## Memorial Service

JUN 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Preston Hollow United Methodist Church  
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Dallas, TX

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO MARY LEE, HER FAMILY AND ALL THE FILGO FAMILY. HAROLD WAS SUCH A NICE GENTLEMAN AND WELL LOVED BY ALL. MAY GOD GIVE YOU COMFORT AT THIS SAD TIME. SINCERELY, BILL AND LOIS HOLMES

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**LOIS HOLMES** - June 04, 2014 at 10:49 AM

DW

“ He was my principal at T.J. Rusk Jr. High in 1960-1962. I had the pleasure to get to know him as I worked in the office as a helper during lunch. Nice, sweet, caring man. I send my sympathy to his family. Diane Altizer Willis

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**Diane Altizer Willis** - June 01, 2014 at 08:00 PM

HN

“ Very sorry about the loss of such a special man and my thoughts and prayers are with you.  
With love.  
Holly Hitt Niner

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**Holly Hitt Niner** - June 01, 2014 at 06:54 PM

JD

“ He was such an inspiration to all of his students from Sunset( class of 81) he made a big em packed on all of us ! RIP Sir! John Davis Sunset High class of 81

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**John Davis** - June 01, 2014 at 06:42 AM

JB

“ I had the opportunity to see Mr. Filgo twice since I graduated with the class of '71. They were at Sunset where I have taught for the past 11 years. The first somewhere around 2005-2006. It was Veterans Day and we were rededicating the memorial plaque for those Bison who died while serving during WWII. Mr. Filgo was so kind, and when we were done I told him I had to get back to class he said I could take the rest of the off, since he was my principal. We both laughed and I told him I wasn't sure that would fly with my current principal. The second time was last September at the association meeting. Although he appeared frail, . he still remembered so many of us. During high school I went to him about an issue with dress code and a friend's hair. Although he couldn't change the District rules, he did calm me and gave me some great advice. Mr. Filgo touched so many people's lives and in a positive way too. My prayers are with his family. Janelle Chandler Bates-'71 Bison

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**Janelle Chandler Bates** - May 31, 2014 at 08:48 PM



“ During my time at Sunset, he would arrive early to find me in the cafeteria since Mom went to work early and would bring me to school. We would talk, sometimes he'd help me with my homework. He was such a kind, sweet man. He will be greatly missed by all who had the great privilege of knowing him.

*Victoria Strickland*  
*Sunset class of 1976*

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**Victoria Strickland** - May 31, 2014 at 03:51 PM

GM

“ Not only was I one of doubly blessed students who had Mr. Filgo in both Rosemont Elementary and Sunset High School; I also went to summer camp three times at the Filgo Family ranch in Red Oak. He was without a doubt the most beloved man who ever walked the halls of Sunset High School.

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**Gordon Moore** - May 31, 2014 at 01:22 PM

KC

“ Mr. Filgo a principal with class, a great sense of humor, and purple socks. He will be loved and missed by the many lives he touched. Sunset senior 79'

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**Kelly Chance** - May 31, 2014 at 12:10 PM

LL

“ Mr. FILGO was the best principle, friend and mentor I have ever had the pleasure of knowing.....I went to sunset srs' 71...everyone loved him..he will be missed..prayers for his family. ....RIP. ...xo

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**Lana L.Lanning** - May 31, 2014 at 10:20 AM

EK

“ When I was very young Uncle Harold would tell me there was hominy in the fried pies (really apricot) because he knew I hated hominy.

When I was a senior at Woodrow he let us borrow the Sunset mascots head for our pep rally before our game with them. I loved him so much.

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**Elaine King** - May 31, 2014 at 09:55 AM



“ Wonderful principal, gentleman, educator and highly respected.  
Who could ask for more?

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**D.L.Murphy** - May 31, 2014 at 09:17 AM



“ Uncle Harold always had a good story or joke to tell!

*Sue Mendoza*

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**Sue Mendoza** - May 31, 2014 at 08:32 AM