



## Rex Buxton Head

January 23, 1935 - March 18, 2022

Rex Buxton Head (January 23, 1935-March 18, 2022), 87 of Lancaster, Texas. Rex was born and spent the first twelve years of his life in Alexandria, Louisiana. In 1947, his family moved back to Lancaster which had been home to the Head family since the early 1830's. Rex graduated from Lancaster High School in 1953 and as a member of the ROTC, graduated from Texas Christian University in 1957. He was a die-hard Horned Frog. Upon graduation, he entered the United States Air Force, graduating from pilot training in 1959, and thereafter, began a career in aviation that would take him and his family all over the world.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Rex was honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1967 with the rank of Major and thereafter, served in the Air National Guard until his retirement. He began his civilian career with Braniff International Airways, flying for them as a Captain until the company's bankruptcy in 1982. Rex flew a number of different aircraft for Braniff, most notably as one of only fourteen of its pilots to fly the Concorde. Thereafter, Rex flew for Piedmont Airlines and then US Airways until he retired in 1995.

Throughout his life, Rex was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and raising Beefmaster cattle. There were not many creeks or tanks in the Lancaster area that he had not fished or explored. Around the age of five, while visiting his grandparents, he walked a half mile alone, without

permission, down to Ten Mile Creek to fish. A Boy Scout troop found him fishing and marched him back to his grandparents' house. Once the Scouts had released him to his mother's custody, Rex explained to his mom that he was just fishing and said he needed to go back and get his fishing pole. Somehow, he managed to beat the Scout troop back to the creek and was waiting for them when they arrived. His passion for the outdoors led to numerous hunting and fishing trips across the globe which he continued into his early 80's with his son and grandsons, as well as a small army of friends and family.

Rex was an active member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Lancaster which was founded by his ancestors. He served on multiple committees, on the Board, as a deacon and as an elder of the church throughout his adult life.

The most important passion in Rex's life, however, was the love of his life, Rowena F. Dickey, whom he married in July of 1953. Rex and Rowena were blessed with almost 70 years of marriage, traveling extensively, including living for a time in Europe. He enjoyed a life of fun-filled times with family and friends, many of whom they hosted at "Head's Farm" at least monthly for holidays, birthday celebrations, and pool parties or at their place in Hawaii. Together, they provided their children and grandchildren the best example of love and generosity.

Rex's laughter and love will be missed by all who knew him.

Rex was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond M. Head and Pauline B. Head, and sister, Margaret S. Bate. He is survived by his beloved wife, Rowena Head; son, Cliff Head (James Wagner), daughter, Julie Quaid (Chuck), daughter Lisa Connell (Jason Miller); six grandchildren, Chris Farish (Erin), Ryan Connell (Tina Marie), Matt Connell (Vanessa), Alex Quaid, Eric

Connell (Erica), Lauren Connell (Shelby Hill); and six great-grandchildren, Jenna Connell, Nathan Connell, Carson Farish, Calvin Connell, Claire Connell and Mia Connell as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He is also survived by his dogs, Pupee' and Jilly.

A celebration of Rex's life will be at 3:00pm on Friday, March 25, 2022 at Byrum Funeral Home Chapel.

# Tribute Wall



“ Yo the entire Head Family, what an honor to have such a man in your lives. Sending prayers and love to you all. Belinda Pogue Gibbons

Eva Shivers-Pogue - May 19, 2022 at 09:56 PM



“ Dear Rowena, Cliff, Julie & Lisa. It's hard to believe we moved to the Head farm when I was just barely 22 years old. Rex & Rowena definitely became my Texas mom & dad. Eddie worked out of town a lot and I don't know what I would have done without them. You are a wonderful family and my heart aches with you.

Terri Lovett Lane - April 02, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ Johnny And Becky Rogers lit a candle in memory of Rex Buxton Head

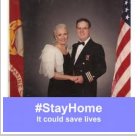


Johnny and Becky Rogers - March 29, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ Flew with Rex at Piedmont and remember Rex as a great pilot and wonderful caring Captain. Enjoyed seeing him listed on my schedule.

Frank McKeon - March 29, 2022 at 09:02 AM



“ *So long old friend, smooth sailing .*

**Pat Royder** - March 27, 2022 at 11:59 AM



“ *Mary Strain Sykes lit a candle in memory of Rex Buxton Head*



**Mary Strain Sykes** - March 25, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ *Selinda lit a candle in memory of Rex Buxton Head*



**Selinda** - March 25, 2022 at 10:04 AM



“ *Carol Strain-Burk lit a candle in memory of Rex Buxton Head*



**Carol Strain-Burk** - March 25, 2022 at 01:09 AM

BB

“ Rex and I were in the same squadron in the Air Force and in the same class at Braniff and good buddies all these years and very tough to see him go. My thoughts are with Rowena and the family as they travel this rough road.

*Ben Buie*

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**Ben Buie** - March 24, 2022 at 04:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rex Buxton Head.



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March 24, 2022 at 11:27 AM

GK

“ The flight West is one we all must take. Blue skies on your flight. Rest in peace old friend.

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**George Knebel** - March 24, 2022 at 09:31 AM

DS

“ Such a gentleman. I always enjoyed flying with him as he was so easy to be around. Always smiling, laughing, and making a new hire first officer feel so at ease! Take care Pal until we meet again. Don

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**Don Sellers** - March 24, 2022 at 07:19 AM

GA

“ I had the privilege of flying with Rex on several occasions. He was an outstanding pilot and a pleasure to work with. He had a friendly and comfortable command presence that won him the admiration of everyone that flew with him. He was truly one of the “good guys” and will be missed. God speed Rex!

Gary Arlington

Gary Arlington - March 23, 2022 at 08:58 PM

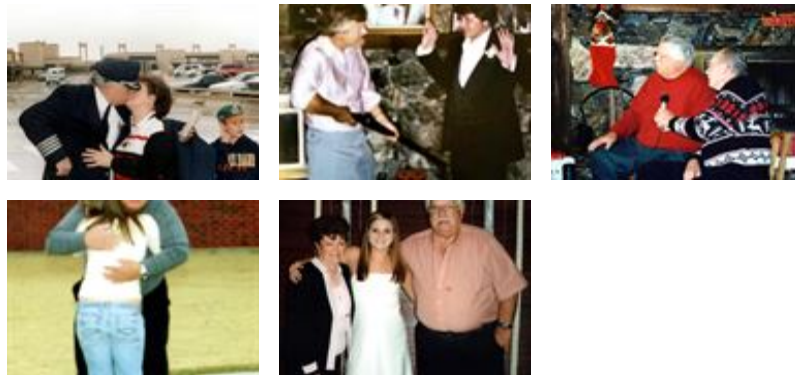
DG

“ Always a favorite of anyone who flew with him! Don Gunter

Donald Gunter - March 23, 2022 at 08:53 PM



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Byrum Funeral Home - March 23, 2022 at 01:05 PM

DG

“ I spent a lot of time with Rex while he was a member of the 181st,  
he was a fine man  
And enjoyed our friendship.

Donald Graves - March 23, 2022 at 12:14 PM

EC

“ Ellen Clark lit a candle in memory of Rex  
Buxton Head



ellen Clark - March 23, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Rex Buxton Head.



March 22, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family  
of Rex Buxton Head.



March 22, 2022 at 05:00 PM



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**Byrum Funeral Home** - March 22, 2022 at 04:34 PM



“ Wendy Weiss lit a candle in memory of Rex Buxton Head



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**Wendy Weiss** - March 22, 2022 at 03:40 PM