



## **Obituary**

**Born:** Sunday, September 15, 1940

**Died:** Thursday, November 21, 2019

## **Service Summary**

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### **Graveside Service**

10:00 AM Wed Dec 04, 2019

### **Bethel Cemetery**

LaGrange, IN 46761

Richard Harvey Forst, 79, of Bryan, formerly of Brenham,

died Nov. 21, 2019, in Bryan. Rich was born Sept. 15, 1940,

in Sturgis, MI, to Fred and Esther (Olds) Forst. He grew up in

agriculture on his family's 30-plus head Jersey dairy in

northern Indiana. On Aug. 25, 1963, he was married to Mary

Lynne Groosbeck. After graduating from Tri State

University with a degree in electrical engineering, Rich

worked for Bendix Corporation in the missile division in

South Bend, IN. He traveled across the United States

installing missile equipment and coordinating test firings and

studied computer programming at California State University-

Long Beach. Rich even spent some time as a civilian aboard

U.S. Navy vessels on both coasts working on their missile

systems. Rich then went to work for Texas Instruments

where he was their sales administrator heading up North

American sales for Texas Instruments with a staff of more

than 500. He retired in 2018 from Brenham National Bank as

their senior vice president of marketing for 23 years. Rich

served as the Texas Junior Simmental/Simbrah Junior

Association advisor from 1985-1991. He made significant

contributions to the association by modernizing the scoring

and tabulating of the state contest by incorporating computer

technology, a technology he knew well. For years, Rich was



the voice of the Washington County Fair Junior Heifer Show.

Rich served on the board of the Washington County Fair and

served as president of the fair in 1995 and 1996. As

president, he was instrumental in adding Gospel Day to the

fair's activities. Rich enjoyed attending Aggie football

games and had a love for antique tractors and steam engines.

The most important thing to know about Rich is that he loved

Jesus. Given the opportunity, Rich would incorporate Jesus

into almost every conversation. Rich talked the talk, but more

importantly, walked the walk. He was instrumental in

planting Western Meadows Christian Church in Houston,

where he also led worship. After a move to Brenham in 1978,

he joined the First Christian Church and served as worship

leader, taught Sunday school, served as an elder and

occasionally preached. When Rich and Mary Lynne moved to

Round Top in 2004, he joined the Round Top Church

Christian Fellowship, led the men's Bible study and served

as substitute preacher. Rich believed in Jesus, he followed

Jesus and he loved Jesus. Today we celebrate because Rich is

finally where he always wanted to be ... in Heaven with

Jesus. Survivors include his wife, Mary Lynne Forst of

Bryan; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Misty Forst of

Austin; daughters and sons-in-law, Annette and Oran Mikeal

and Lisa and Les Williams, all of College Station; and



grandchildren, Allison and Lindsey Burenheide, John, Jamie

and Jason Forst, Abigayle and Olivia Williams and Matt

Mikeal. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials in memory of Rich may be sent to Hospice Brazos

Valley, 502 W. 26th St., Bryan, TX 77803,

[www.hospicebrazosvalley.org](http://www.hospicebrazosvalley.org) or Christian Witness to Israel

(North America) 6401 S. 50th St., Rogers, AR 72758,

(479)225-4269, [www.cwina.org](http://www.cwina.org), [www.facebook.com/cwina](http://www.facebook.com/cwina),

or email: [cwinamerica@gmail.com](mailto:cwinamerica@gmail.com). Visitation will be from

5:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 25 at Memorial Oaks

Chapel. The funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday,

Nov. 26 at Memorial Oaks Chapel with Pastor Art Free

officiating. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday

December 4, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the Lake Bethel Cemetery in

LaGrange, IN. Online Condolences may be sent at

[www.carneyfrostfuneralhome.com](http://www.carneyfrostfuneralhome.com). Carney-Frost Funeral

Home, LaGrange, IN are handling the local arrangements.