



Nathaniel "Nat" Stephen Qualia, Jr.

August 1, 1925 - April 20, 2013

A funeral service for Nathaniel Nat Stephen Qualia, Jr., 87, of Rosenberg, Texas, formerly of Corpus Christi, was held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg. Interment followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Visitation was held from 1 p.m. until service time at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 24, 2013 in the State Room of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Nat was born August 1, 1925 in Del Rio to Chris and Rose Tagliabue Qualia. He graduated from Del Rio High School in 1942 and served in the U.S Army on the Philippine Islands as Tech Sergeant in WWII. Nat married Kathleen Keeble in 1950. He graduated from A & I with an Agriculture degree and earned a Masters at Texas A & M. He was employed by Premont High School and Flour Bluff High School as an F.F.A. and shop teacher. He also served as a Vocational Director and Principal at the Elementary and Jr. High. He retired at the age of 60, in 1984. Nat was a volunteer firefighter for Flour Bluff, was a member of the Premont Lion's Club, served as president for Alpha Chi and belonged to various organizations dealing with education. His hobbies included hunting, fishing and sailing and crafting rifles and knives. If you were to describe Nat's personality it would be a hard working, patriotic, with a wonderful sense of humor, and these were just a few of his best traits. Nat lived in Corpus Christi for 59 1/2 years and recently moved to Rosenberg 3

months ago. He passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 20, 2013.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Chris and Rose Qualia and his sister, Genevieve Qualia, all of Del Rio.

Nat is survived by his loving wife of 62 1/2 years, Kathleen Keeble Qualia; children, N. Steve Qualia, III and wife, Jan, of Corpus Christi, Susan Clayton and husband, Greg, of Atlanta, GA, John K. Qualia and wife, Cyndy, of Friendswood and Jean DeGregorio and husband, Steve, of Rosenberg; grandchildren, Jennifer and Rose Qualia, Pam Clayton, Christine Tanko, Kyle and Missy Qualia, Rob, Matt and Allison Linder, Steven and Nicole DeGregorio, and great-grandchildren, Zack and Deven Pierce, Emmah Bockholt and Nico Barr; along with other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers that served were Steve Qualia, John Qualia, Kyle Qualia, Steve DeGregorio, Frank Miller and Bobby Miller.

Words on condolence may be left for the Qualia family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenalwn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471. Phone: 281-341-8800.

Tribute Wall

BR

“ *I send my deepest condolences*

braeden - April 17 at 12:26 PM

JD

“ *Happy Easter April 20, 2014 ~
On this day, last year April 20, 2013, ~ our Dad, Nathaniel "Nat"
Stephen Qualia, Jr. passed away. We miss him so much. May he
rest in peace. Many Blessings ~*

Jean DeGregorio - April 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Dear Kathleen and all, I'm deeply moved by the news of Nat's
passing. Granny's funeral in 2005 was the last time I remember
seeing y'all. I want you to know that Nat had all my respect and
admiration. His demeanor was always pleasant and he was a
wonderful example of a man that a kid like me, as I was, would want
to emulate.*

*He leaves a legacy of uprightness that few men can. And, I believe
that the "goodness of your family" is testament to that. I cherish the
memory of Nat, You and all Y'all. And I Love Y'all Very Much. Bud*

Bud Wranosky - November 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Kathleen and Family we were deeply sorry to hear of Nat's passing.
As a vocational teacher I followed Nat's leadership for 20 years.....
Truly a super nice person to know and work with. Our prayers are
with you.*

Bill & Joy Hays

Bill Hays - May 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *May your presence be in the blessings of the beautiful Heaven ~
And, may our presence join you there one day ~*

*I love you and I miss you, Daddy ~
~ Jean-Bean*

Jean DeGregorio - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Mr. Qualia taught me how to weld back in 58-59. He was a good
man and shaped many young lives for the better.*

Bob Wilson

bob wilson - April 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Dearest Kathleen and family,
I am so sorry about Nat. I know that Nat was your Mr. Wonderful,
and he felt the same about you. You two had a marvelous life
together - full of all the wonderful things God blesses people like
you with...lots of love, children, compassion and companionship..
Please keep in touch and when you feel like it, let me know your
new address.*

*I love you very much! You and yours are in my prayers. Know that
Nat is watching over you, and he waits for you to again be with him
someday.*

*Your Sister in Christ,
Frankie Jim Wilcox-Bockman*

Mrs. Frankie Jim Wilcox-Bockman - April 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Mrs. Qualia,
My deepest sympathies are with you and your family. I remember how happy it had made mother that he had come to see her grape vine when it was full. I do apologize I did not notify him when mother passed in 2011. My mother Margaret Brooks Bradbury was very lucky to have Mr. Qualia as a friend and neighbor. I regret that I never had the opportunity to know him. As I also grew up on Arbor Dr. in Del Rio, feel we had much in common. My heart and prayers go out to you for comfort and peace.
Sincerely,
Elizabeth G. Roland
and all of Margaret's family

Elizabeth G. Roland - April 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Kathleen & Kids, So very sorry for your loss and mine. I keep remembering one time in Garland when Chacho was in town and called me @ work, what a wonderful surprise. Also the silly songs we shared at Miller Ranch. Time will help heal, but not forget.
Love to All
Donna

Donna Q. Webb - April 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Dear Kathleen:
Bill & I were so sad to hear of Nat's passing. I can remember when you first began to date Nat and how happy you both were. Much love to you and your family. Bill & Sue Fry Davidson. Georgetown, Tx. FHS'52

Sue Davidson - April 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Kathleen, Our prayers are with you and the family at this difficult time. As you know, Nat and Genevieve were very dear to us. Contact us when you have time as we would like to visit with you. Again, our prayers are with you all.

John & Ella Garoni - April 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I remember Mr. Qualia from Flour Bluff High School. He was my woodworking teacher. Mr. Qualia was a gentleman, very knowledgeable. He helped me with my project and I still have that projectbookshelf. I remember him when I see my bookshelf. I am saddened for the family of Nathaniel Qualia, I am sure they all loved him. Rest in peace Mr. Qualia.

Javier Davila - April 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ To the Qualia family, Our heart felt condolences go out to all of you & this time. Mr Qualia always had good things to say & always seemed to have a smile. So sorry to hear about you loss. From Rachel Krause , Deborah, Charles & David Krause...

Krause - April 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Dear Kathleen & family. I was very sad to learn about Nat. I pray God will comfort you as only He can. You can look forward to being with him again someday. Nat was so good to work with at Flour Bluff school. I really appreciated him. May our Lord be with you all in a special way at this time. Kathleen I would love to talk to you but I do not have your phone number but I am thinking about you and I send my love to you all. Margie Avery

Margie Avery - April 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LQ

“ Qualia Family, I am saddened by the loss of Nat. He was a wonderful Father, Father-in-law, and Grandfather. And he will be missed by everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with you. And may God's Peace also be with you all.

Lori Qualia - April 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Qualia Family--We enjoyed visiting with Nat last Christmas and remember his sense of humor. What an amazing wife and family he had and what an amazing legacy he leaves! We know y'all are proud to have called him Dad and we are grateful to have been lucky enough to be small part of your extended family. We pray for God's comfort for your family.

Jeff & Christa DeGregorio - April 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM