

## Obituary

Wiley Eldridge Custer, 86, of Richmond, Texas, passed away peacefully at his home on February 2, 2024.

Eldridge was born in Beeville, Texas to Wiley Rix and Avis Josephine Custer on July 25, 1937. He married Karla Luise Fels, on March 12, 1960 in Baumholder, Germany. He graduated from Rice University with a bachelor's and master's degree in economics and went on to become an executive with Exxon. Eldridge served in the U.S. Army and was also a Freemason, Shriner and Knights Templar and member of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wiley Rix Custer and Avis Josephine Custer; and his sister, Mary Lou Heard.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 64 years, Karla Custer; sons, Martin (Julia) and Stephan (Leah) Custer; grandchildren, Alexander (Monica), Emily (Alan), Avery, Natalie, Elizabeth and Maxwell; and great-granddaughter, Katelyn.

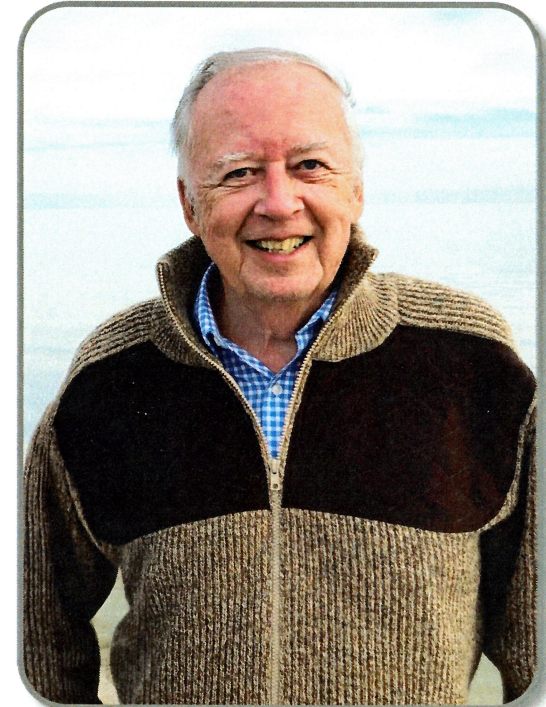
Visitation will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at First Baptist Church in Beeville with the funeral service officiated by Rev. Greg Traylor at 2 p.m.

Burial will follow at Glenwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Klaus Kuhlmann, Alexander Custer, Emily Zuefeldt, Alan Zuefeldt, Avery Custer, Natalie Custer, Elizabeth Custer and Maxwell Custer.

*Services in Care Of*  
Galloway & Sons Funeral Home

## In Loving Memory Of



Wiley Eldridge Custer

*Date of Birth*  
July 25, 1937

*Entered Into Rest*  
February 2, 2024



## God's Garden

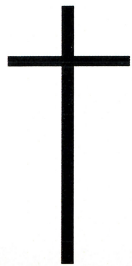
God looked around His garden  
And found an empty place  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your precious face.

He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.

So He closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, "Peace be thine"  
Then He took you up to Heaven  
With hands so gentle and kind.

It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God welcomed you home.



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### Funeral Services

2:00 PM, February 10, 2024

First Baptist Church  
Beeville, Texas

### Officiating

Rev. Greg Traylor

### Song: "Sunrise"

By Tom Heard (Nephew)

### Bearers

Klaus Kuhlmann	Alexander Custer
Emily Zuefeldt	Alan Zuefeldt
Avery Custer	Natalie Custer
Elizabeth Custer	Maxwell Custer

### Interment

Glenwood Cemetery  
Beeville, Texas

Refreshments will be served following the burial  
at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.