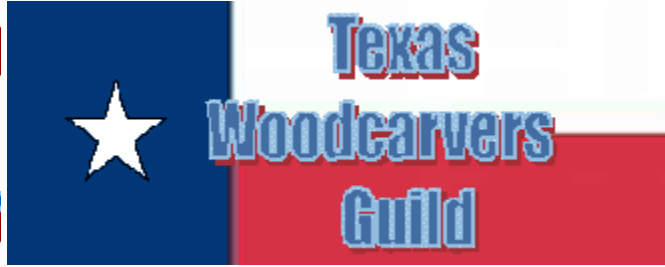


**Woodcarve in  
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### ***Don Gifford***

***January 3, 1929 - August 12, 2013  
Troy (Don) Gifford, 84, of Whitney,  
passed away on August 12, 2013 at his  
residence. Don was born in Fort  
Worth, Texas, on January 3, 1929, to  
the late Roy and Marie (Votaw) Gifford  
and grew up there. On April 17, 1948,  
he married Aveline Joyce Wallingsford  
and she preceded him in death on  
September 7, 1998. After 36 years of  
working for Southwestern Bell  
Telephone, he retired in 1984 at the age  
of 55 and moved to Whitney in 1996. He  
married Lena Kuykendall on May 5,  
1999. Don had a passion for wood  
carving and playing dominoes. He was  
a Mason, a member of the Optimist  
Club, Gideon International, the  
Woodcarvers Guild and the Nolan River  
Chippers.***

***He was preceded in death by his  
parents; one great-granddaughter, Amy  
Cline. He is survived by his wife Lena  
of Whitney; children Jerry Gifford and  
wife Sharon of Fort Worth, Mike  
Gifford and wife Diana of Cooper,  
Texas, Doug Gifford and wife Winnie  
of Rochester, Minnesota, Tony Gifford  
of St. Robert, Missouri, Gaylia Reimer  
of Killeen; step-children, Bill and Becky  
Kuykendall of Germantown, Tennessee,  
Tom and Stella Kuykendall and Pat and***

*Frank Shull, all of Grand Prairie,  
Texas, and Donna and Kim Ford of Rio  
Rancho, New Mexico; 22  
grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren  
and 8 step-grandchildren; brothers, Roy  
Gifford and wife Mary of Bowie, Texas  
and Gene Gifford and wife Dana of  
Post Oak, Texas.*