

**Woodcarve in
the Beautiful
Texas Hill Country**



Les Visor

August 4, 1929 - March 2, 2015



Leslie Woodruff Visor, 85 of Angleton passed away on Monday, March 2, 2015. He was born to John & Ina Visor in Dallas, TX on August 4, 1929.

Mr. Visor graduated Ball High in Galveston, TX in 1949 and went on to serve his country in the US Navy and was stationed overseas. He was a Plane Captain for Neil Armstrong (first man on the moon) in the S-110 & Fighting-51 Squadrons, served aboard the USS Essex & USS Valley Forge and upon discharge he joined the USMC Reserves.

He was the founder of the Texas Wood Carvers Guild and a member of the Brazoria County Wood Carvers Guild, he enjoyed wood carving, traveling, sold wood carving and owned Knotty but Nice Wood carving. A Little League Coach for many years, built many Hotrods, he attended Second Baptist Church in Angleton, and he was also a mentor to many.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Mr. Visor is survived by his wife of 58 years Rose Marie Visor, sons: Martin Ray Visor and wife Debi, Leslie Bruce Visor and wife Teri, John William Visor and wife Debbie,

Robert Joseph Visor and wife Terri, grandchildren Ali Cruise and husband Rick, Jacob Visor and Christine (their son Pilot on the way), Seth Visor, Tara Rolan and husband Wesley (great-grandson Bryce), Taressa Visor-Moon, Blain Amason and wife Misty (great-grandchildren Jessie, Miguel & Joshua), Michelle Zelenske (great-granddaughter Karligh Williams), Jessica, Michael & Anthony, as well as numerous family and friends.

Condolences and Memories

I am Robert Visor the youngest of four sons of Les Visor. The same Les Visor that is on the Texas Woodcarvers Guild (TWG) 2015 Grand champion award and I would love to have his memory honored in some form, for all who enjoy and love woodcarving. Please help me get the word out to all TWG members. It would mean so much to my family and all who were touched by his creative talent. He has been an awesome mentor to all of us and all those he has come in contact with throughout his life.

Thank You and God Bless You All, as my Dad has been our lifelong inspiration!
Robert Visor

Here is an excerpt from the Texas Woodcarvers Guild History section of Website Members Area, You might review the first three entries in this Guild history area to see more of Les Visor's contributions toward getting the Guild started.

It was in July or 1986 at the National Carvers Yearly Homecoming that Les Visor had a "SMALL IDEA" as he called it, in

the back of his head to form a state wide organization in Texas, the Texas Woodcarvers Guild.

Les spoke to many people at the homecoming. People from California, Colorado, and Minnesota where state organizations were successful and promoting the art of woodcarving. Less rallied members of the Houston and Basoria area clubs. What resulted was the first slate of officers of the Texas Woodcarvers Guild. In January of 1987 TWG started with 35 members and by the end of the year there were 146. At one point in 1995 TWG has 910 members.

Contributed by Harry Seurkamp.
