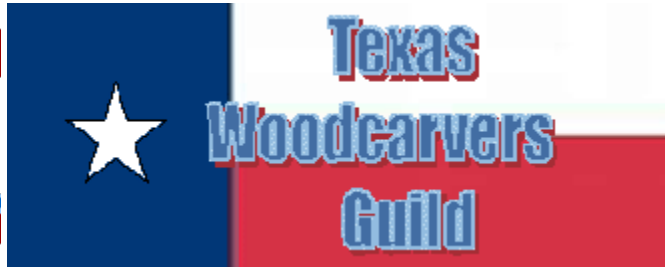


Woodcarve in
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Texas Hill Country



Walt Guy

March 21, 1937 - April 3, 2016



Walter Williamson Guy, 79, was born March 21, 1937 to Walter F. Guy and Lutelle E. Williamson in Sumter, S.C.

Walt Guy has 50 years of experience with NASA in various technical and management roles. His career was solely within NASA Centers' Engineering Directorates, although his responsibilities ranged from Technical Discipline Expert to Project Manager to Organizational Line Manager. His early-career "technical disciplines" were 1) systems engineering, 2) thermal control, 3) environmental control, and 4) life support (for both spacecraft and spacesuits). His assignments enabled him to contribute to all U.S. manned space flight. For the last 30 years of his career, Mr. Guy was Chief of the Crew and Thermal Systems Division, then Chief of the Automation, Robotics and Simulation Division, and lastly Chief of the Systems Architecture and Integration Office. These Engineering "domain" organizations were responsible for 1) the technical support of NASA's manned spaceflight programs, 2) developing GFE flight hardware, and 3) advancing the technology front in the organization's technical domain.

Over the years, as Mr. Guy rose into the management ranks, he experienced "management" from all perspectives. He was "manager" of teams, groups, organizations (large and small), projects, contracts and facilities; and he "managed" analyses, tests, and hardware/software developments, as well as facility developments and advanced technology activities. He was responsible for 1) astronaut space suits, tools, and crew EVA jet packs; 2) spacecraft life support, thermal control, and hygiene equipment; as well as, 3) in-space robotic manipulators for the nations spaceflight projects – Shuttle and Station. Recently, he was responsible for 1) the development of technology for a robotic "flying eye" for on-orbit inspection; 2) an anthropomorphic robot as an astronaut "surrogate"; and 3) a robotic "rover" for astronaut exploration of a planetary surface. In his most recent management assignment, Mr. Guy was responsible for 1) developing the docking system, and 2) re-entry parachute system for the spacecrafts to be used in the future exploration of space; as well as, 3) providing the Systems Engineering and SE&I leadership for the Constellation Space Flight Program. In addition, he has 1) managed astronaut training facilities, and 2) a large variety of test facilities, including large, human-rated, thermal/vacuum chambers.

Mr. Guy also discharged other responsibilities for NASA which were independent of his Division management activities. He was the USA Chairman of Working Group #5 for the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, responsible for negotiations with the Soviets in the areas of life support systems and crew transfer operations.

In addition, Mr. Guy served on (and chaired) 1) Accident Investigation Boards, 2) Source Evaluation Boards, and 3) Operational Readiness Boards for critical facilities; as well as, 4) serving on the Senior Board Shuttle Pre-Flight Readiness Reviews conducted by JSC's Engineering Directorate over the life of the Program.

SPECIAL HONORS AND AWARDS: Mr. Guy has been awarded the Victor A. Prather Award, 1974; JSC Certificate of Commendation (Program); two NASA Exceptional Service Medals, 1975 (Apollo-Soyuz Project) and 1981 (Shuttle Program); a Meritorious Presidential Rank Award, 1987; and three NASA Outstanding Leadership Medals, 1992, 1998 and 2000.

Professional and Honorary Society: Tau Beta Pi, Honorary Engineer Society.

Walt enjoyed traveling, wood carving, writing religious essays, and restoring old telephones as hobbies.

Walt accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord at the age of 17 during the Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade in Columbia, South Carolina. He was an active member of University Baptist Church in the Clear Lake area. He walked him into heaven April 3, 2016, after his battles with Lymphoma in 2015 and Pancreatic Cancer the past several months. He will be missed by his immediate family, friends, church family, and NASA family.

Walt was preceded in death by his parents: Walter Francis Lutelle Evans Williamson Guy. Walt is survived by his wife of 40 years, Judith Crisp Guy; son, Steven Alan Guy, and his brother, William Guy.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Jeter Memorial Funeral Home, 311 N. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX 77546 (281) 992-7200 with Dr. Steven Laufer officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to the Guy family in care of Jeter Memorial Funeral Home at www.jeterfuneralhome.com.