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RICHARD L. GERLA JR.

Mr. Richard L. Gerla Jr., age 62 of Troup, passed away Wednesday, October 31, 2007 in a Tyler Hospital. Mr. Gerla was born April 15, 1945, in El Campo to the late Richard L. Gerla, Sr. and Antonia Angeline Hubenak Gerla. Mr. Gerla was a veteran of the US Army and served in the Vietnam War. Mr. Gerla received his bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and his mater's degree in counseling from Sam Houston State University, Huntsville.

Mr. Gerla married Jacqueline Kay Parten January 18, 1969 in Houston. Mr. Gerla was a math teacher at Carlisle ISD. Mr. Gerla was an avid sportsman who loved to fish and hunt and was a wonderful husband, father, son, brother and teacher.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Jackie Gerla, of Troup; son Jeffrey Jack Gerla, of Troup; an adopted son Chad Meroney, of Troup; mother Tonnie Gerla, of El Campo; three brothers and two sisters Anthony Gerla, of El Campo, Lawrence and Susan Gerla, of Louise and Ray and Kathy Gerla, of El Campo; father-in-law and mother-in-law Jack and Jeanette Parten, of College Station; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Suzanne and Kendall Hay, of College Station; and several nieces and nephews.

A Rosary for Mr. Richard L. Gerla Jr. was held Friday, November 2, at 6:00 p.m. at Cottle Funeral Home.

A Funeral Mass for Mr. Richard L. Gerla Jr. were held Saturday, November 3, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Jacksonville with the Reverend Mark Kusmirek officiating. Interment followed in the Griffin Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Lawrence Gerla, Ray Gerla, Anthony Gerla, Chad Meroney, Brent Hay and Joe Reed.

Honorary Pallbearers were Jack Parten, Kendall Hay and Robert Milne.

Online registration and condolences are available at www.cottlefuneralhome.com

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