



Albert Joe Surovik

March 20, 1930 - April 4, 2016

Albert Joe Surovik Sr., 86, was born on March 20th, 1930 to Frank J. and Frances (Surovik) Surovik. He passed away at his home in Bryan, TX with his loving family by his side on April 4, 2016.

He was no stranger to hard work from an early age. After graduating high school, Albert held several part time jobs and developed his skills to become a very good craftsman. He was later employed with Texas A&M Food Services and was part owner in a small country store and filling station in Caldwell located at the intersection of Hwy 21 and CR 208. Albert also worked at Burleson Laboratories with W. L. Surovik for many years. After his father passed in 1963, Albert took over the family farm in the New Tabor community and continued working primarily as a carpenter throughout the Burleson County area.

Albert married the love of his life, Winifred Ann (Odstrcil) Surovik on August 31st, 1963 at the New Tabor Brethren Church near Caldwell, TX. Together they made their living cultivating the farmland growing maize, corn crops and an enormous garden of fruits and vegetables to feed the entire family. They took great joy in offering items from the garden to friends and anyone that came to visit them on the farm. They also raised cattle, hogs, turkeys and chickens and the family remembers well the coming together to butcher them. Albert made it a point to involve the family with the work to be done on the farm such as de-beaking turkeys, gathering the garden produce for canning and freezing, hauling hay, planting crops, picking corn, cutting corn tops to

feed the cattle, making home-made sausage, curing bacon in the smokehouse and pulling those weeds in the fields. Albert was no stranger to working in the fields on his tractor until midnight after a long day's work as a carpenter, building new homes and remodeling the old ones. Albert and Winifred worked many long hours to provide for their family and Albert always made it a point to involve the children to work alongside him, teaching them the value of good work ethics in finishing the job showing them what the fruits of your labor produce.

When Albert was no longer able to farm the land, he and Winifred moved to their property at 206 East Buck Street in Caldwell TX. He was able to commute to and from the farm to feed the cattle, chop the weeds, tend to his garden and feed his stray animals until 2013 when his health declined. In 2014, Albert and Winifred moved in with their oldest daughter Melissa and her husband Bob so she could assist Winifred in providing 24 hour care for him. In July 2015, they built a better equipped home in Bryan, TX. On March 10th, 2016, Albert was placed under Hospice care and on March 23rd he was admitted to the Brazos Valley Hospice Inpatient Facility. The family is unanimous in saying that his 7 days there were gifts from God, and they are very thankful for this precious time. On March 30th, the family was able to take him back home to live his last 6 days in the comfort of his home. He died peacefully with his family never leaving his side.

He was a member of the New Tabor Brethren Church where he was baptized and confirmed. He also attended Hus School in 1951. He was a faithful church member and every time the church doors opened he made sure the Surovik Family was there. He attended Sunday school and was the Young People's Class Sunday school teacher for over 30 years. He and Winifred served as BYF Sponsors for the youth, he was elected as an elder several times and he sang tenor in the choir. He prepared the bread and wine for communion and was the bell ringer for the church. He and Winifred also served as the church custodians for many years and Albert never hesitated to use his carpenter skills when the church needed them. He and Winifred also donated some of

the land for the church cemetery. He loved the Quarterly Meeting meals, the 5th Sunday Singsongs, Volleyball Tournaments, the Men's Brotherhood meetings, Wednesday night Bible Studies and all activities of the church. He was a member of the SPJST, CSA, RVOS, and Farm Bureau. He was also chosen for the "Young Farmer" award for Burleson County in 1964 by the Bryan Production Credit Association.

In his younger days, Albert enjoyed dancing, listening to music and practicing volleyball with the church youth and providing many hayrides for them. He enjoyed gardening, shopping for bargains, playing dominos and Sunday afternoon Svačina with friends and family. Later in life Albert enjoyed watching the Molly B Polka Party, The Price is Right, football, boxing and the rodeo, but MOST of all he enjoyed going back at the home place and being with his kids and grandkids and he always loved their visits.

Those who preceded him in death include his parents; three brothers, George Surovik, Johnnie Surovik and Frank Surovik and a sister, Fannie Kovar.

Survivors include his wife, Winifred (Odstrcil) Surovik; a son, Albert "PeeWee" Surovik and wife Diane; four daughters, Melissa Ostman, Michelle Spiller and husband Jimbo, Shelly Pendergraff and husband Brian and Charee Surovik.

He is also survived by one sister, Vlasta Surovik.

He is survived by 13 Grandchildren; Nikki Hickman and husband Curtis, Lauren Sims and husband Shelby, Billy Prescott and wife Tasha, Mandy Wiederhold and Tomasita Heardmon, Coleman Wiederhold, Ryan Surovik and wife Robin, Emily Surovik, Brice Pendergraff, Branson Pendergraff, Briann Pendergraff, Ethan Spiller, Seth Spiller and Victoria Bourgeois.

He is survived by 8 Great Grandchildren; Analissa Rodriguez, Francesca Rodriguez, Layla Rodriguez, Maia Rodriguez, Tre Heardmon, Kent Prescott, Kenna Prescott, Wyatt Sims and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers: Brian Pendergraff, Jimbo Spiller, Billy Prescott, Coleman Wiederhold, Ryan Surovik and Tre Heardmon.

Honorary Pallbearers: Brice Pendergraff, Ethan Spiller, Seth Spiller, Curtis Hickman, Shelby Sims and Allen Garbs.

A sincere thank you to Bro. David Johnson, The New Tabor Brethren Church and Christian Sisters, Brazos Valley Hospice and all our family and friends.

The family invites you to join them for the April 10th Sunday morning worship services at 10:30 am at New Tabor Brethren Church with a fellowship meal immediately following in the church fellowship building. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm in the church sanctuary with Rev. David Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to The New Tabor Brethren Church, Hospice Brazos Valley or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

New Tabor Church Cemetery

2439 CR 225
Caldwell, TX 77836

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

APR **10**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

New Tabor Brethren Church
2439 Co Rd 225
Caldwell, TX 77836

Church Service

APR **10**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ Prayers for all of your family. The love that you shared with Mr. Surovik will continue to carry on through the love and care that you all have for one another. May God grant you the strength you need as you carry on knowing that Mr. Surovik's love will always remain in your hearts.

Sarah Jane Broaddus

Sarah Jane Broaddus - April 08, 2016 at 07:03 PM

MC

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FH

“ Fred and Jennifer Hollis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Albert Joe Surovik.



Fred and Jennifer Hollis - April 07, 2016 at 05:50 PM

TG

“ *The Carver's & Godfrey's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Albert Joe Surovik.*



The Carver's & Godfrey's - April 07, 2016 at 03:01 PM

MS

“ *I have been acquainted with the family since about 1962 -1963.....I have always had highest regards for Albert and Winifred and family.....I always enjoyed my sporadic visits over the years. He reminds me so much of my deceased husband, John.....same work ethic and raising his family and teaching them how to work hard and be proud.....I am thankful for making a visit a few weeks ago and he revealed a beautiful smile when I told him who I was.....meant the world to me..... Even though apart over the years the family accepts me and my girls, Shirley, Rhonda & Sarah as their family. I love you Albert and Winifred. Prayers to all the family in your great loss....Cherish the memories...God will be with you with consoling arms surrounding you.....Merlene Slavik .*



Merlene Slavik - April 07, 2016 at 01:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Albert Joe Surovik.*



April 07, 2016 at 12:22 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Albert Joe Surovik.*



April 07, 2016 at 11:49 AM



“ *Lloyd Parker lit a candle in memory of Albert Joe Surovik*



Lloyd Parker - April 07, 2016 at 10:51 AM



“ *Keitrah Boren lit a candle in memory of Albert Joe Surovik*



Keitrah Boren - April 06, 2016 at 11:49 AM