



## Allen Hilton Ballew

January 7, 1938 - September 22, 2023

Allen Hilton Ballew 85 of Sharp, Texas passed away of heart failure in A Round Rock, Texas hospital on Friday, September 22, 2023.

Christian Community Church located at 5221 Highway 36, Buckholts, Texas will graciously open their doors at 9am Wednesday, September 27th for a short visitation and services will begin at 10am. Scott Windrum will be officiating. Burial will follow at the Lilac Cemetery located west of Sharp, Texas at the crossroads of 487 and 3061.

Allen was born January 7, 1938, on a sandy cotton farm in Dawson County, Lamesa, Texas to Jessie and Allee (George) Ballew. Allen started school in west Texas completing his high school education in Bartlett Texas and later achieving an Associate degree in Business at Temple College.

At 20 years of age Allen enlisted in the Army serving in Korea. Returning home Allen met the love of his life Betty and after six weeks of courtship, they entered a marriage that would last for 60 years. To say Allen had a passion for hunting, fishing, and everything else outdoors is an understatement of biblical proportion. Allen loved everything outdoors. Allen started working for Alcoa as a carpenter in 1969 and soon after motivated Alcoa to allow him to expand the existing fishing program to include boat rentals and extended hours of operation. Even with all this going on he and Betty somehow found time to

open and operate the Ballew Hardware Store in downtown Rockdale.

Allen retired from Alcoa in 2000 after 30 years but never fully understood the whole retirement and aging thing. His next 23 years included creating and pastoring a church in Thorndale, Texas, trapping hogs to aid in Alcoa's reclamation efforts, supporting Texas' Boll Weevil Eradication program, running cattle on their property in Sharp, Texas, managing a high-fenced game ranch in Gainesville, Texas, and many many more undertakings.

Allen was predeceased in death by his father Jessie Ballew of Lamesa, Texas, his mother Allee Woods of Rockdale, Texas, and his older brother Arnold Ballew of Lake Jackson, Texas. Surviving Allen are his wife Betty Wells Ballew, his son Kelly Ballew and wife Febie, daughters Kasey Ballew, Kenda Blodgett and husband Terry, his siblings Dal Ballew, Jan Wells, Ferrel Woods, Cleve Woods, and grandchildren Kory Ballew, Kayla Jensen, Kristopher Ballew, Kary Ballew, Kortney Randolph, Chad Green, Matthew Green and 12 great grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Allen's grandsons Kory Ballew, Kristopher Ballew, Kary Ballew, Chad Green, Matthew Green, and Aaron Randolph with honorary pallbearers Jim Buchanan, Marty Irwin, Gary Johnson, Gideon McPeek, and Jonathan Doughty.

In closing, Allen had a very interesting, long, fulfilling journey through life which also included even more things like filming Rockdale football games, working at University of Texas football games, bee keeping, a roofing business, and even serving as a substitute teacher. He had a strong passion for and never missed an opportunity to mentor young folks on everything from ranching to living their lives close to God. Allen lived with God in his heart and on his lips each and every day and his unexpected departure left this world a little colder but made Heaven that much warmer.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Community Christian Church  
5221 Hwy 36  
Buckholts, TX 76518

## Service

SEP 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Community Christian Church  
5221 Hwy 36  
Buckholts, TX 76518

## Burial

SEP 27. 11:30 AM (CT)

Lilac Cemetery  
4731 FM 3061  
Davilla, TX 76577

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Allen Hilton Ballew.*



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September 26, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Allen Hilton Ballew.

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September 26, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Allen Hilton Ballew.*



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September 25, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Allen Hilton Ballew.*



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September 25, 2023 at 06:36 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - September 25, 2023 at 03:18 PM

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“ *Robert and Donna Chambless Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Allen Hilton Ballew.*



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**Robert and Donna Chambless Family** - September 25, 2023 at 01:28 PM

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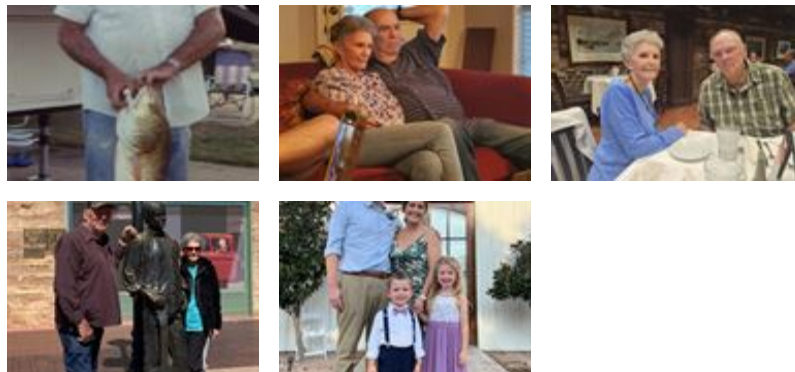
“ *Robert and Donna Chambless Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Allen Hilton Ballew.*

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**Robert and Donna Chambless Family** - September 25, 2023 at 01:28 PM



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - September 25, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of *Allen Hilton Ballew*.



September 25, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *Sending Sincere Condolences to the Ballew family* 🙏



**Lori Shaw** - September 25, 2023 at 09:40 AM