



"Buddy" Willard

January 19, 1941 - November 20, 2013

Buddy Willard passed away on Wednesday, November 20 after a long and painful battle with prostate cancer. He was born in Caldwell, TX to Marvin E. Willard and Elois Hendrix, nee Marek . Although he spent much of his life in Houston, Buddy's heart was always in Caldwell, TX. He often referred to the summer vacation months of his childhood and teen years as the times he spent in "the country". It was during those summers of riding horses bareback, playing and working shoeless and shirtless, and living with his grandparents, Alma and Frank Willard, that his character was forged. Buddy assured us that while living in Recreation Acres outside Houston around the age of 12, he accepted the Lord as his Savior. Buddy graduated from Sam Houston High School in 1959 where he was twice named all-city running back for his football prowess. Buddy attended Sam Houston State and later became a police officer for the Houston Police Department. He was a lifelong fan of Texas A&M University and was thrilled when his son, Doug, chose that school upon graduation from high school. Buddy began acquiring acreage in the Caldwell area and over the years, with his son at his side, he built an Angus cattle operation. After retiring from the police department, Buddy continued working private security in Houston while spending his time off in his beloved "country". Buddy's parents, sister Trudy and daughter Kristi preceded his passing. He is survived by his son, daughter in law, grandson and brothers and sisters. Visitation will be Saturday from 4 – 6 pm at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Caldwell and funeral services will be held at Black Jack Baptist Church on CR

301 just off FM 908 on Sunday at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Buddy's memory to Hospice Brazos Valley, 502 W 26th Street, Bryan, TX 77803.

Tribute Wall

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Jennifer and Robert Desarro - November 23, 2013 at 12:30 PM

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Dicky Putz - November 23, 2013 at 11:47 AM

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sigmund & Florence Lewandowski - November 22, 2013 at 10:22 AM

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Tony, Myava, Lily Buchanan - November 21, 2013 at 08:00 PM