



Franklin Henry Kristof

May 19, 1934 - January 13, 2025

Franklin Henry Kristof, 90, of Caldwell, Texas passed away on Monday, January 13, 2025. He was born May 19, 1934, in Chriesman, Texas, to John L. Kristof and Mary Zalmanek Kristof. He graduated from Caldwell High School in 1951 and worked on the farm with his dad until November 1954 when he joined the U.S. Navy. Franklin trained as a radar technician at Treasure Island off the coast of California and served on the USS Southerland.

He married Joyce Trampota in September 1964 in Crosby, Texas. Frank worked at Dow Chemical, and they resided in Angleton, Texas. In 1972, he and Joyce moved to Chriesman with their three children, Kathy, John, and Mary. Frank was a steelworker at the Alcoa plant in Rockdale and retired in 1995 after 23 years.

Frank's true enjoyment came from ranching on their land in Chriesman. What he sometimes referred to as his playground, this is where he enjoyed raising cattle and goats, baling hay, cutting and splitting wood, growing watermelons, gardening, building fence, fixing tractors, and welding on farm equipment that needed repair if the standard baling wire and duct tape didn't do the trick. Occasionally, he found time to cast a fishing line in one of the ponds or have a hot dog and marshmallow roast with the grandkids.

Frank was an avid reader and enjoyed a spirited debate on many subjects. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to neighbors or even a stranger in need. His advice, wisdom, and the common-sense way he approached life and its circumstances will be truly missed by everyone who had the blessing of knowing him.

Frank is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Joyce Kristof; his children, Kathy Brandhuber, John J. Kristof, and Mary Hein (Joel); his grandchildren, Katherine Brandhuber, John F. Kristof, and Kristina Kristof; and his siblings Jay Kristof and Margie Muzny.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary Kristof; his siblings, Alvin Kristof, Mary Jo McMurtrey, John Kristof, Edward Kristof, Jane Stephens, and Raymond Kristof; and his son-in-law, Mark Brandhuber.

A Memorial Service will be held at Phillips and Luckey in Caldwell on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the charity of your choice.

Express condolences at PhillipsandLuckey.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home
404 Buck St.
Caldwell, TX 77836

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Franklin Henry Kristof*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - January 23, 2025 at 11:58 AM

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“ *The entire Kristof Family is in our thoughts and prayers. Rest in Peace Frank.*



Jerry, Frances, Paul & Mark Kacer - January 29, 2025 at 08:27 PM

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“ *Trisha Scanlin (Fritcher) lit a candle in memory of Franklin Kristof*



Trisha Scanlin (Fritcher) - January 27, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Franklin Henry Kristof.



January 25, 2025 at 09:30 PM



“ From your Bush School Family purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Franklin Henry Kristof.



From your Bush School Family - January 25, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ 2 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - January 23, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ Martha L Evans lit a candle in memory of Franklin Henry Kristof



Martha L Evans - January 22, 2025 at 12:49 PM

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“ *Marvin & Marti Kacer lit a candle in memory of Franklin Henry Kristof*



Marvin & Marti Kacer - January 18, 2025 at 01:15 AM