



Joe James Marek

November 8, 1935 - September 13, 2021

Joe James Marek, 85, of Lyons, passed away on Monday, September 13, 2021. Visitation will be held Sunday, September 19, from 5 to 7 pm at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Monday, September 20, at 10 am in the Phillips & Luckey Chapel. Burial will follow at the Schoppe Cemetery in Lyons, Texas.

Joe James Marek was born in Brazos County on November 8, 1935 to Lydia Marek. He was an avid cattle rancher and army veteran who enjoyed playing dominoes with his friends as well as spending time with his special friend Bonnie Matejka.

Joe joined the United States Army as an Armorer in 1958 and was Honorably Discharged in 1964. After returning from the military, he moved to the Burluson County area and settled in Deanville., TX. He was married to Kay Luedke in 1958 and had two children, Arleen Coker and Kay Red. In 1980 he married Evelyn Rathjen.

Despite his limited education, Joe was a successful independent businessman. During his career, he owned a tavern/grocery store and multiple rental properties; he worked at International Furniture prior to being drafted to the army, and later served as a carpenter and mechanic. Joe enjoyed buying and selling cattle in his later years, which he did until retirement (around the age of 80).

Joe was preceded in death by his mother, Lydia Marek Hale and stepfather Emil Hale; his wife, Evelyn Marek; stepsisters, Lydia Thomas and Barbara

Treybig, and stepbrother, Ronnie Hale, Jr.

Joe is survived by his daughters, Kay Red and husband Danny, Arleen Coker and husband Leonard; special friend, Bonnie Matejka; grandchildren, Forrest Red, Casey Red, Ashley Easterwood and husband Jeff, and Dustin Coker and wife Audra; great grandchildren, Cera, Lily, Colton and Kayla; stepsister, Doris Jamelka; stepbrother, Emil Hale, JR.; stepchildren, Darlene Schill and husband Robert, Darla Garcia, Rodney Schulz and wife Judy, and Wilburn Schulz Jr. and wife Tammy; step grandchildren, Jimmy Schulz, Sheila Schill, Robert Patterson, Jennie Medley, Susan Einkauf, Johnny Jones, Sonya Martinez, Ragina Schulz, Ronda Schulz, Rana Schulz, Lonnie Crenshaw, Katie Crenshaw, Angie Horsley, Amy Knesek and Raymond Schulz; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Pallbearers will include Leonard Coker, Dustin Coker, Jeff Easterwood, Rosalio Balderas, Danny Red, and Forrest Red.

Express condolences at PhillipsandLuckey.com.

Cemetery Details

Schoppe Cemetery

CR 415 & CR 460
Lyons, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Caldwell
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Caldwell, TX 77836
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Funeral Service

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joe James Marek.*



September 17, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ *The Cervantez Construction Team purchased the Red, White & Blue Mixed Fireside Basket for the family of Joe James Marek.*



The Cervantez Construction Team - September 17, 2021 at 11:40 AM