



## L.D. "Rusty" Wilhite

August 6, 1931 - February 23, 2017

L.D. "Rusty" Wilhite, 85 of Rockdale, passed away Thursday, February 23, 2017 in Cameron. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am, Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home with Pastor David Atwood officiating. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am prior to services.

Rusty was born August 6, 1931 to Lonnie Dewey and Mamie (Johnson) Wilhite in Lee County. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1953, serving during the Korean War, before being honorably discharged in 1961. He married Ann Lewis on March 4, 1987. Rusty worked for the Milano Independent School District doing just about anything and everything. From Maintenance Custodian to Bus Driver, he did it. He loved music and enjoyed playing his guitar at the Milano Community Center where he would get together once a month with friends to play. He enjoyed hunting, gardening and Rusty never met a stranger.

He is preceded in death by his son, Troy Richardson Wilhite; parents, Lonnie Dewey and Mamie Wilhite; and brother, Elmo Wilhite.

Rusty is survived by his wife of almost 30 years, Ann Wilhite of Rockdale, Texas; son, Johnny Richardson and wife Rhonda of Corsicana, Texas; a number of grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; sisters, Belle Matlock of

Rusk, Texas and Dorothy Crowder and husband Jerry of Tacoma,  
Washington; as well as numerous nieces and nephews and countless friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Hugh Wilson Cemetery

1040 County Road 456  
Lexington, TX 78947

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
(512) 446-5454  
phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Chapel Service

MAR 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of L.D. "Rusty" Wilhite*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - February 25, 2017 at 04:20 PM

EV

*you will be missed rusty*

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**evelyn** - February 25, 2017 at 08:09 PM

RU

“ *I am russell wilhite I was named after him his real name was russell.*

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**russell** - October 05, 2023 at 08:37 AM

DN

“ *Ann, I am so sorry. Take care. Donna Nichter*

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**Donna Nichter** - February 27, 2017 at 06:00 PM

VH

“ *There will never be another person quite like Uncle Rusty. His stories were sometimes larger than life, haha, but boy how we all loved hearing them...and most of the time, they had a learning lesson or a rant of laughter, by both himself and the listener! Much love Aunt Ann..... Vicki Ann Harris*

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**Vicki Harris** - February 27, 2017 at 01:53 PM

CG

“ Sorry to hear of your loss! Remember the good times that you spent with Rusty! He is not gone, just away! One day you will be rejoined with your love one. God bless and keep you during this time of sorrow.



Cynthia & George Galbreath - February 27, 2017 at 11:44 AM

LC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Lana Copeland - February 25, 2017 at 05:40 PM

LC

I had a special place in my heart for my Uncle Rusty. I always looked forward to seeing his smile and receiving his big, warm hug. He was smart and so entertaining with all his stories. I loved hearing his stories and I loved him! ❤️

Lana Copeland - February 27, 2017 at 05:41 AM



“ 86 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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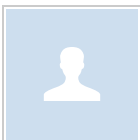
**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - February 25, 2017 at 03:49 PM

BL

“ *LIKE THAT SONG," WE HAVE LOVED YOU OH SO MANY YEARS." YOU WILL BE MISSED MORE THAN ANY ONE WILL EVER KNOW. JAMBOREE IS NEVER THE SAME WITHOUT YOU. BUT I KNOW YOU'RE PLAYING MUSIC IN HEAVEN.*  
*BILL & AVIS LUCKEY*

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**BILL & AVIS LUCKEY** - February 25, 2017 at 12:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of L.D. "Rusty" Wilhite.



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February 24, 2017 at 08:38 PM

MS

“ He was so sweet! Actually let me "drive" the bus once; or so I thought. In reality, just let me hold the wheel while we pulled up to stop at my driveway. So many memories of Rusty.  
*Misti Baron-Schulz*

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**misti baron schulz** - February 24, 2017 at 06:36 PM

JD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**jaime dyer** - February 24, 2017 at 06:10 PM

CS

“ *Curtis & Victoria Schopp and National Salvage purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of L.D. "Rusty" Wilhite.*



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**Curtis & Victoria Schopp and National Salvage** - February 24, 2017 at 04:12 PM