



Lyle Lamar Wolz

December 23, 1935 - April 4, 2014

Lyle Lamar Wolz, 78, died peacefully at his home in Caldwell on April 4, 2014, with Esther, his loving wife of 45 years, and his sister-in-law, Georgie Dodge, present. Lyle was born December 23, 1935, in Deanville to Ben and Mary Wolz. He grew up on his family's farm near Deanville. He was baptized into the Christian faith March 15, 1936, by the Rev. Baer at the Lutheran church in Waldeck in Fayette County. Lyle graduated from high school in Caldwell in 1954 and went to work for the Texas Department of Transportation. He joined the U.S. Army in 1955, and served in Korea in 1956-57. After leaving the Army, Lyle worked for Thiokol Chemical Corporation, Eastman Kodak, NASA, where he was a test engineer for the space program, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, from which he retired in 1998. After retiring from the Department of Agriculture, Lyle worked for Caldwell Country Chevrolet for 16 years. Lyle was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He and Esther enjoyed spending time with their four children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. When not enjoying the company of his family, Lyle loved to work on his family's farm. Lyle was generous with his time and devoted to his community. He served on Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors from 1983 to 2013, including 10 years as Chairman. Lyle succeeded his father, Ben, on Bluebonnet's Board. The Wolz family was involved in the co-op's leadership for nearly all of its 75-year history. During his tenure on the Board, Lyle helped guide Bluebonnet through many changes and some of its toughest

challenges. Lyle was a strong believer in the importance and value of education, especially Bluebonnet's scholarship and government youth tour programs. Lyle loved Bluebonnet, its employees and members because he believed in the cooperative principle. He was loved by all in return. Lyle's service to the community went beyond Bluebonnet. He was a member of the Deanville Sons of Hermann Lodge, serving as its president for five years. He was also a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the Deanville Volunteer Fire Department for many years. He joined the Burleson County Co-op Feed Store in 1981 and served as president for 27 years. He also served on the board of the Deanville Water Supply Corporation for eight years. Lyle was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Deanville. Lyle had a deep, unwavering faith in God that could be felt by everyone around him. His faith enabled him to maintain his sense of humor and dignity throughout his battle with cancer and brought him peace in the final weeks of his life. Lyle is survived by his wife, Esther; daughters Lisa Chenault, and her husband, Cody, of The Woodlands, Linda Bowman, and her husband, Randy, of Lyons, Lydia Jackson, and her husband, Randy, of Manvel, and Rebecca Schuett, and her husband Brian, of Houston; grandchildren Amanda Chenault, Cailey Chenault, Dan Hays, and his wife, Holly, Matthew Schuett, Brandon Schuett, Steven Jackson and Amanda Jackson; great grandchildren K'Lee Bowman, Dean Larson, Sydney Hays and Cameron Hays. He is also survived by numerous nephews, nieces and cousins, and countless friends made during his remarkable life. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Mary Wolz; and his brothers, Lanceer and H.D. Wolz. Viewing will be Sunday, April 6, 5 to 8 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home, 404 W. Buck, in Caldwell. Funeral services will be Monday, April 7, 10 a.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church in Deanville. Pall bearers are Sidney Zgabay, R.J. Smith, Bobby Schumacher, James Schumacher, Matthew Hicks, and Keith Ahrens. Honorary pall bearers are Lyle's fellow Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative Directors. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Lyle's name to Hospice Brazos Valley,

302 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, TX, 77833; the American Cancer Society, the cemetery fund or memorial fund at St. John Lutheran Church in Deanville, or the charity of your choice.

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