



Ralph Edward "R.E." Merritt

January 12, 1942 - October 12, 2017

Memorial services for Ralph Edward "R.E." Merritt of Dime Box, Texas are scheduled for Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 1:00 PM at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings.

Ralph Edward "R.E." Merritt, 75, passed away Thursday, October 12, 2017 at his home near Dime Box, Texas after a lengthy battle with cancer.

R.E. was born January 12, 1942, in Artesia, New Mexico to Ralph David Merritt and Winnie (Hancock) Merritt, who preceded him in death, as well as his sister Jataun Durbin.

He is survived by five children, Eddie Merritt of Dime Box, Kristie and Brad Tooley of Canyon, Kellye Lane of Blanco, Curtis and Christi Ford of Austin, and Charlotte and Joe Allen of Boerne; grandchildren, Kristopher and Brooke Tooley of Waco, Shanna and Ty Jones of Lubbock, Tara and Chase Lenz of Franklin, Kenya Lane of Blanco, Brooks Lane of Blanco, Haylee and Keeley Ford of Austin, Cheyenne and Nathan Allen of Boerne; 10 great grandchildren, and one brother, David Merritt of Lamesa.

R.E. was known for his tenacious, stand-out abilities in athletics, business and hobbies.

He graduated from Andrews High in 1960 where he was a member of the State Championship Mustang Track team, which won the 440-yard dash and mile relay in 1959 and 1960. He went to Texas A&M where he continued to run track and earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree. After college R.E. served a tour of duty with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was awarded two Purple Hearts.

R.E. experienced great business success in Odessa, Austin and West Texas where he operated night clubs, restaurants and helped found a successful banking group. He also operated successful cattle and horse operations, including being the owner of the 1999 AQHA Horse of the Year "Playing Stylish."

R.E. was a member of the 12th Man Foundation and Former Student Association at Texas A & M and of the AQHA. R.E. enjoyed playing poker, raising livestock, and watching college football and the news.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hospice Brazos Valley or to a charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **15**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph Edward "R.E." Merritt*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 14, 2017 at 01:02 PM

BS

“ *R. E. MERRITT was a friend for over 50 years. I just learned of his death yesterday 1/10/18. I last talked to him about 8 months ago. Sorry for his death. R.E. was an extremely knowledgeable person. I will miss not being able to chat with him.
RIP MY FRIEND*

Bobby Spinosa - January 11, 2018 at 07:49 PM

HD

“ *I love you R.E.
I love our texts conversations
I wish we lived closer to see eachother more
But I'll still cherish the good times we had
Your life was amazing and your son Eddie did it
He did it broken he did it heart felt he did it genuine
Eddie spoke of you in honor and he saw your fight
We all love you buddy and Yes sir I'll see you again*

Haley Dodson - October 25, 2017 at 07:13 PM

NA

*R.E. - loved our fun dates but your speeding down Mopac was terrifying.
RIP my friend.*



Nancy - February 02, 2022 at 03:54 PM

TA

A Great Humanity I learned a lot from the Great 🦊 Man ♂ met him in 1964 Work for him Pinkies Inc.Graham Merritt Associates Awesome Business Man 🦊 Friend,God Almighty did Bless this Union.

Tronto Ellis alias Big Ankle - December 22, 2025 at 07:12 PM

RG

“ *With heartfelt sympathy over the loss of your loved one. May the God who "binds up the brokenhearted" and "comforts all who mourn" sustain your family during this challenging time. (Isaiah 61:1, 2)*

Rebecca Galaviz - October 19, 2017 at 12:12 PM

PA

“ *Great memories!
Pat Anglin
Andrews class of 1960*

Pat Anglin - October 18, 2017 at 08:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph Edward "R.E." Merritt.*



October 14, 2017 at 01:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Edward "R.E." Merritt.



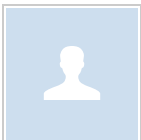
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“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 14, 2017 at 11:37 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Edward "R.E." Merritt.



October 14, 2017 at 11:13 AM

FF

“ From Judy and Corky Farmer purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ralph Edward "R.E." Merritt.



From Judy and Corky Farmer - October 13, 2017 at 11:15 PM

SW

“ Our deepest condolences to RE's family in your loss. RE was a class act and it was an honor to have known him.
Deepest regards,
Wayne and Stacy (Whittemore) Wilber

Stacy Wilber - October 13, 2017 at 01:58 PM