



Raymond Lawson

December 24, 1943 - December 10, 2020

Raymond Lawson, age 76 of Rockdale, passed away Thursday afternoon, December 10, 2020 at the Rockdale Estates and Rehabilitation. Masonic graveside services are 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 13, 2020 at Hillcrest Cemetery in Marlin with Pastor David Kaufmann officiating. Visitation will be 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 12, 2020 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Raymond was the youngest of nine, born on December 24, 1943, on his family's home place on a mountain in Catoosa, Tennessee to Walter Clack and Lola Artelia (Hamby) Lawson. He graduated from Oakdale High School at the age of sixteen in 1961. After graduation and with his mother signing a waiver for him to join, he served in the U.S. Army from May 1961 to May 1964. While on leave from Fort Hood, he ventured out to Marlin looking for a lake, where he met his future wife at the A & W Root Beer stand. On January 2, 1964, he and Dorothy Stevens were married in Marlin, and made their first home in Fort Hood until his discharge. They later moved to Rockdale where he went to work for Alcoa working there for 39 years. He was a Foreman in the Ingot Department and retired in 2003. Raymond loved his family, but he also loved his work family and that is how he felt about the men and women he worked with over the years.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Rockdale and had served as a

Deacon for many years. He was a proud member of the Rockdale Masonic Lodge #414, where he served in all the offices of the local lodge and served as District Deputy Grand Master. Raymond was part of a group that developed the idea and built the Rockdale Girls Softball fields at its present location and served as President of the league. Raymond had a true love for sports and loved the Rockdale Tigers. He was a proud member of the Rockdale Athletic Booster Club during the time where he had no kids old enough for sports and served as Vice President, just for the pure love of athletics.

Raymond could usually be found in two places, working out in his yard and following wherever his grandkids were competing. He spent countless hours with Dorothy out in their yard over the years and enjoyed the time they spent together with what he claimed was her passion, but he secretly enjoyed. His greatest pride was his grandchildren and there wasn't anything he wouldn't do for them or anywhere he wouldn't go for them. He spent countless hours in the stands at youth rodeos and barrel races supporting them as they were growing up and drove from coast to coast to watch them. He sat in the baseball and football stands and walked many a golf course. He took great pride in preparing what his grandkids said were the BEST GRILLED CHEESE sandwiches. But most of all he was proud to be father and a grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Lola Lawson; sisters, Lula Grant and Geraldine "Bobby" McDaniel; brother, Wiley Jack Lawson and sister-in-law, Gayle Stevens Lawson.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Dorothy Lawson of Rockdale; daughters, Robin Galbreath and husband Billy Dale of Rockdale and Rhonda Eichinger and husband Charles of Port Lavaca; brothers, Gene Lawson of Rockwood, Tennessee and Robert Lawson of Marlin; Sisters, Nellie Beach of Rockwood, Tennessee, Zelma "Iney" Bingham of Oakdale, Tennessee and Beula Gann of

Lilburn, Georgia and three grandchildren, McKenna Galbreath and Curt Landry of Bryan, Kelsey Galbreath of Galveston and Grant Galbreath of College Station. He also was survived by numerous sisters-in-laws & brothers-in-laws, nieces & nephews. Also, his Traditions Hospice Family and especially Natalie Noack, for all their love and care over the years and in his last days. Rockdale Estates, Nurses & Staff.

Serving as pallbearers are Gail Blackmon, Calvin Whiteley, Gary Northcott, Rick Henderson, Jim Maines, Janet Havelka.

Honorary pallbearers are members of the Rockdale Masonic Lodge, Russell Martin, Billy Headrick, & Martha Stidom

Memorials can be made to Rockdale Masonic Lodge #414, P.O. Box 225, Rockdale, Texas 76567 or to Shriners Hospital for Children, Attn. Office of Development, 2900 N. Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, Florida 33607, shrinershospital.org.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

Marlin, TX 76661

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **12**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Graveside Service

DEC **13**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hillcrest Cemetery
Marlin, TX 76661

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond Lawson*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - December 11, 2020 at 03:29 PM

TM

*Dorothy and family,
So sorry to hear about your loss. I remember Raymond as being a kind and gentle man.
Debbie and I will pray for you.*

Terry and Debbie Matthews - December 13, 2020 at 07:09 PM

HE

“ *We are so sorry to hear about Raymond. Our sincere condolences for your loss.*

Hugh and Dianne Erskine

Hugh Erskine - December 17, 2020 at 12:53 PM

FD

“ *My condolences, missing him will be so much to bear, but you'll make it. I have memories of you two in church, such a nice sight.*

Freddye Debault

Freddye Debault - December 13, 2020 at 10:43 PM

JM

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Rest in peace Raymond.

Jim & Marti Matthews

JIM L MATTHEWS - December 13, 2020 at 06:49 PM

TM

“ Prayers to the Lawson family. God bless each of you. Terry L Mowdy



Terry L Mowdy - December 12, 2020 at 08:13 PM

AF

“ Aretha Flores lit a candle in memory of Raymond Lawson



Aretha Flores - December 11, 2020 at 11:45 PM



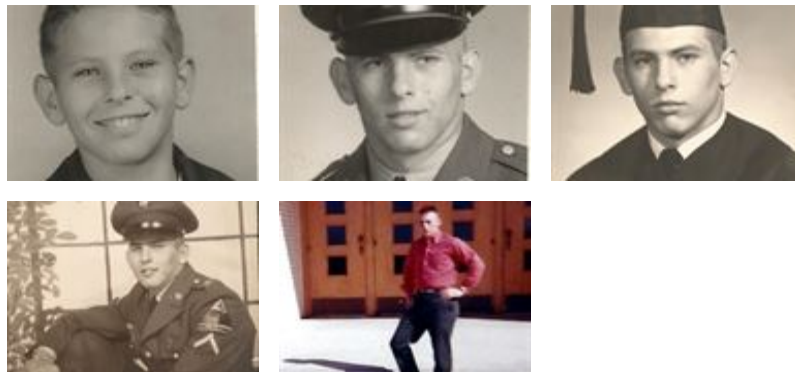
“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Raymond Lawson.



December 11, 2020 at 05:07 PM



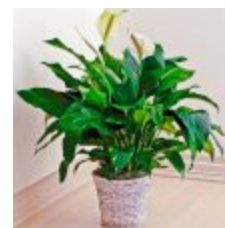
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Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - December 11, 2020 at 02:48 PM

GF

“ *Gann Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Raymond Lawson.*



Gann Family - December 11, 2020 at 12:04 PM

JS

“ *So Sorry for y'all's loss.. He was a Great Man and Neighbor.... Rest Easy Raymond..*

Johnny Stewart - December 11, 2020 at 11:17 AM

ST

“ *Dorothy and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. He was such a nice and good man.
Samye and Owen Turner*

Samye Turner - December 11, 2020 at 09:49 AM

KN

“ Keith and Shari Neubauer purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Raymond Lawson.



Keith and Shari Neubauer - December 11, 2020 at 08:45 AM

PL

“ Loved Uncle Raymond. He was more like an older brother as we were close in age. Loved to watch him play football at Oakdale High. Prayers of comfort for his sweet family! Love from me and Dad in Tennessee!

Patti Laeson - December 10, 2020 at 06:54 PM

CL

Such a kind, quiet, stoic Texan (with deep Tennessee roots). So proud to call him my uncle. An All American in so many ways. Much love to his bride, children and grandkids. The Chris Lawson family.

Chris Lawson - December 11, 2020 at 10:11 AM

WH

Raymond was a great person to work with. So sorry to read about his passing. I remember the foot races in the INGOT Dept. and no one could outrun him. Rest in Peace.

Wayne Hubble

Wayne Hubble - December 14, 2020 at 10:33 AM