



Roland Lawson, Jr.

July 10, 1920 - June 5, 2016

Roland Lawson, Jr., passed away Sunday afternoon, June 5, 2016 in the Will-O-Bell Nursing Home in Bartlett. Services will be held 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 9, 2016 in St. John's United Methodist Church in Rockdale. Burial will follow in the Sharp Cemetery in Sharp, Texas with Military Honors. Rev. Adam Straznicky and Chaplain Bruce Mercer will officiate. Visitation is Wednesday, June 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Roland was born in Brenham, Texas on July 10, 1920 to Mamie (Voyles) and Roland Lawson, Sr. His father died at an early age and Mamie could no longer provide for her children as there was no welfare at that time to help her. Mamie agreed to let her cousin Charlie Duncan and wife Mary raise him. Roland remembers at the age of 5, riding the train from Brenham to meet them in Milam County.

He went to school at Duncan Sharp Community and played football in high school where he graduated in 1938. In 1942, he went into the army and served as a Medic in World War II where he was stationed in England. On August 5, 1945, he and his lifelong sweetheart, Doris Modesette were married. After he was discharged from the Army, he went to work for The Rockdale Reporter until retirement and then worked part-time until they moved to Taylor in 2001 to be closer to their daughters. Roland and Doris

celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2015.

He was an active member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Rockdale for many years. He enjoyed farming and cattle and spending his Saturday's on the farm. Roland loved his family dearly and he will be greatly missed by them.

He is preceded in death by his father Roland Sr. and his mother, Mamie Voyles Lawson Price; Charlie and Mary Duncan and his brother, Malcolm Lawson.

Roland is survived by his loving wife, Doris Modesette Lawson of Bartlett; daughters, Sharon Betak and husband Bobby of Taylor, Donna Valdez and husband Crespin of Taylor; five grandchildren, Ricky Jones and wife Regina, Lori Nira and husband Andrew, Amy Betak, Lance Valdez and wife Courtney, Brent Valdez and wife Vannessa all of Taylor and 16 great-grandchildren; also his sisters, Ella Mae Moore of Kerrville, Mary Frances Brown of Temple; sister-in-law, Alice Lawson of Seguin; also two nieces, Betty Lee of Missouri City, Texas and Barbara Anderson of Kerrville and nephew, Ronnie Brown of Belton. He also has many nieces and nephews on his wife's side who he loved dearly.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Ricky Jones, Lance Valdez, Brent Valdez and great-grandsons, Chance Jones, Clifton Gadison and Cobe Gadison.

Cemetery Details

Sharp Cemetery

10500 FM 487
Buckholts, TX 76518

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Church Service

JUN 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John's United Methodist Church
1700 Hillcrest Dr
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family . May the love of God enfolds you during your difficult times and he helps you heal with the passage of time*

Darlene Douglas

Darlene - June 09, 2016 at 09:06 AM

BD

“ *I have such fond memories of Mr. Lawson. He was such a sweet man. He and Mrs. Lawson were good friends of my parents and thought the world of them. I have no doubt that he is in heaven being greeted by dear friends and family. I am sending healing prayers to Sharon and Donna and their mother.... Love,Beverly Yoakum Daniel*

Beverly Yoakum Daniel - June 08, 2016 at 04:22 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Roland Lawson, Jr..*



June 08, 2016 at 10:56 AM

LC

“ Hey girls this is lucy our prayers are with you and family he will always be treasure and be remembered , we loved living by the family when we lived on the corner from you. I know he will be missed. he will live on in all of yall and the friends he knew and love, give each other a big hug and kiss for me, love you

lucy buttery coward - June 07, 2016 at 10:26 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roland Lawson, Jr..



June 07, 2016 at 09:05 PM

JS

“ Mr.Lawson always had a smile and a handshake when he saw you. Very nice man, a family man with nice values. He will be missed greatly by his family and close friends. Rest in eternal peace. Joe and Chris Sledge

Joe & Chris Sledge - June 07, 2016 at 08:11 PM

CS

“ Christina And Willie Sledge sent a virtual gift in memory of Roland Lawson, Jr.



Christina And Willie Sledge - June 07, 2016 at 08:05 PM

BN

“ You're dad was such a sweet & good man. He will be missed greatly!
My thoughts and prayers are with you Sharon, Donna, & family.
Barbara Praesel Nauert

Barbara Nauert - June 07, 2016 at 07:56 PM

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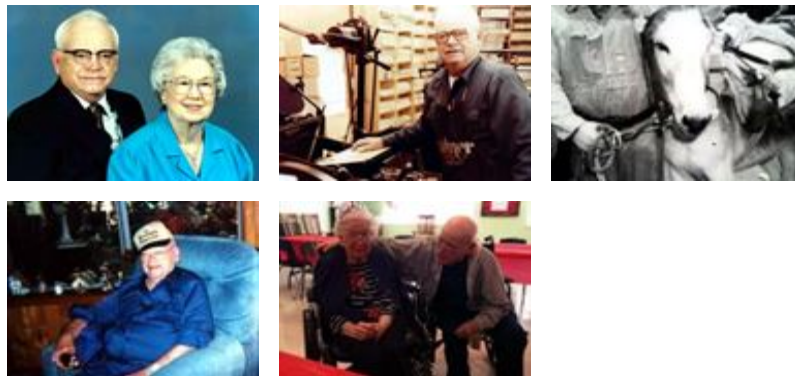
“ God bless you
Sharon, Donna, and all of you families! You all know how special you are to me! I am praying for the peace that only God can give you! God is going to get you all through this! I love you all so very much!

With love,
Rita Zimmerhanzel Huser

Rita Huser - June 07, 2016 at 06:47 PM



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Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - June 07, 2016 at 05:57 PM