



Ross Morris Hairston

July 2, 1929 - April 20, 2012

Ross Morris Hairston, 82 of Rockdale went peacefully to be with Jesus, his Lord and Savior of Friday, April 20, 2012. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Phillips & Luckey in Rockdale. Funeral Services will be held at the graveside, 3:30 PM on Tuesday in the Sandy Creek Cemetery near Rockdale with Minister Ray Don McIntosh officiating. Ross was born on July 2, 1929 in Rockdale, to Joe and Prudie Hairston. He was the 9th child of 7 boys and 2 girls. Ross grew up swimming in tanks, running wild through the woods and sleeping under bridges. In his teens, Ross enjoyed riding motorcycles; however he found it challenging to remain in the seat and decided it best to retire. Instead of graduating High School, Ross joined the Army as a paratrooper for 2 years. Afterward, in Houston, he went into the sheet metal business with his brother J.T. While in Houston, Ross met his beloved wife Lucretia. They were married in 1952 and raised 2 beautiful children, Dana Ann and Dickson Lee. Ross was later blessed with 2 grandchildren Kelli and Kasey and a great grandchild Hailey. While raising his children, Ross followed a few career paths. He owned his own shop and joined the sheet metal union for some time. Later he worked on several high rise jobs before retiring in his early forties. Ross decided to raise cattle all over Milam county during his retirement. Ross had many talents. He acquired a private pilot's license because of his love to fly. He raised homing pigeons, horses, the occasional squirrel, dogs, cats, cows and chickens. He had a natural air about him that attracted animals, wild and tame, to trust and

interact with him. It was quite a spectacle to witness. Ross also became an accomplished guitar player and country singer during his retirement years. Ross loved telling stories and talking about his wild adventures growing up and traveling around with his love Lucretia. He always had a great poker face and really enjoyed playing cards with friends and family. As Ross and Lucretia grew older they enjoyed relaxing on the farm and going out to eat. Ross was a strong and caring father, grandpa, and great-grandpa. He taught his family great life lessons on living a good, wholesome life. During his last few years, Ross accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He is very much loved and will be missed. Survivors are son, Dickson Lee Hairston of Dallas; a daughter, Dana H. Johnson and husband Brooks of Newnan, Georgia; two granddaughters, Kelli J. Yates and husband Chet of Thomaston, Georgia, Kasey Kristin Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia; and a great granddaughter Hailey Brooke Yates of Thomaston, Georgia; a number of nieces and nephews; also a community of close friends.

Tribute Wall

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Patricia Greenway - April 25, 2012 at 02:55 PM

BC

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Becky Coleman - April 24, 2012 at 09:51 AM

JE

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Joe and Ruby Estes - April 23, 2012 at 08:17 PM

ED

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Ed & Sheryl Dobbs - April 22, 2012 at 06:05 PM

MB

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Milt & Angela Boykin - April 22, 2012 at 05:40 PM