



Willard Kenneth Kornegay

October 4, 1929 - March 12, 2025

Willard K. Kornegay, 95, of Gause, Texas, went home to be with his Heavenly Father on March 12, 2025 at home surrounded by his family. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at the Wellspring Community Church on Highway 79, Gause, Texas. The family will receive visitors an hour prior to service at the church.

Willard Kenneth Kornegay was born on October 4, 1929 in Milam County, Texas to Alex and Lorene (Carr) Kornegay, Sr. and was raised on the family farm while attending school in Milano, Texas. Willard and Joy Shaw were married on October 23, 1948. For a number of years he worked in the oil fields and during the summer raised crops with his family. He was a farmer and rancher all of his life and also worked in housing construction for a number of years.

Willard enjoyed sports, playing basketball during his high school years. He was an avid football fan, enjoying the Dallas Cowboys and University of Texas games. But his greatest football love was following the Yoe High School football team, holding season tickets on the 50 yard line from the 1970's until 2024. He enjoyed fishing and camping with friends and playing dominos for hours.

Willard, Joy and their children received the Lord at a small church at Hanover, Texas. They continued their Christian service in the Gause Full Gospel Church (now Wellspring Community Church) for many years joining the church where Willard's parents had raised their family. He taught Sunday

School classes, Bible Study classes and participated in many mission trips to share the Gospel and build churches in areas that needed them.

Willard was preceded in death by his parents, A.W. and Lorene Kornegay, brother and sister-in-law A.W. and Marie Kornegay Jr., daughters Mary Lou Kornegay Hughes and Janice Kornegay Hall and son-in-law Wayne Hughes. He is survived by his wife Joy Shaw Kornegay and daughter Jo Ann Pilkey both of Gause Tx, son David Kornegay and wife Tonya of Salado Tx, son-in-law Dennis Hall of Corinth Tx, Grandchildren: Kenneth Pilkey and wife Kerith, Jonathan Hughes and wife Stacy, Jeff Hughes, Jordan Hughes and wife Zene, Lauren Hall Barrios and husband Troy, Alex Hall, Candace Kornegay Coutinho and husband Rohan, Jada Kornegay, Taryn Kornegay; as well as 17 great-grandchildren.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **22.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Wellspring Community Church
14069 East US Highway 79
Gause, TX 77857

Memorial Service

MAR **29.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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