



William Earl Willeford

May 21, 1927 - October 18, 2021

William Earl Willeford, age 94, of Cross Roads, TX, passed away Monday, October 18, 2021 at his home. He was born May 27, 1927 in Egypt, TX to Harvey Earl and Lucille (Teague) Willeford. He married Robbie JoAnne Williamson on November 30, 1946 in Austin, TX.

“Earl” as he was known to his friends, was a family man and successful businessman who helped many during his life time. In his younger days, you could find him tinkering among his workshops, looking for items to repair around his home and yard, or planning his next family vacation. He had a gentle, calm demeanor, was a man of few words, but always had an incredibly sharp mind.

Earl enjoyed saving money anywhere he could and would spend many hours clipping coupons and planning his grocery trips so as to use them to their best value. Though being a frugal man, he was always extremely generous in his spirit, always offering financial assistance to those who needed it and often forgiving the debt long before he had been paid in full. He was the patriarch of his family and would often give financial advice to his children and grandchildren, who often consulted him with major financial decisions. He was a faithful member of the Paloma Creek congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses.

Earl was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, JoAnne Willeford, and by

his eldest son, Billy Wayne Willeford. He is survived by his children, Rebecca and Darrell Barnes of Oklahoma, Janetta Willeford of Texas, and Eddie and Keri Willeford of Florida; daughter-in-law, Diane and Ted Jones; his grandchildren, Joby Barnes, Derek Barnes, and Casey Barnes and their spouses; Elisha Salazar, Vanessa Fields, and Misty Eastburn and her spouse; Brooklin Randall, Brigette Mann, and Brandy Mann and their spouses; Kyle Heinzelman and Ty Heinzelman and his spouse; 21 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-greatgrandchildren. We love you Dad/Paw Paw, and we will see you soon in Paradise.

A service honoring Earl will be Saturday October 30 1:00pm, Central Time.

Via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 832 4231 3196

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or phone number 1 346 248 7799 and enter meeting ID when prompted:

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Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Previous Events

Memorial

OCT **30**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Eddie Willeford - October 26, 2021 at 08:23 AM

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Janetta Willeford - October 24, 2021 at 07:58 PM

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“ Dad tutored so many young men and women in his lifetime, teaching them good work ethics. As one of his “pupils” said, “He never just gave me anything I did not earn but he found ways to let me earn everything I needed.” What a great dad!

Janetta Willeford - October 24, 2021 at 07:54 PM

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Janetta Willeford - October 24, 2021 at 06:54 AM

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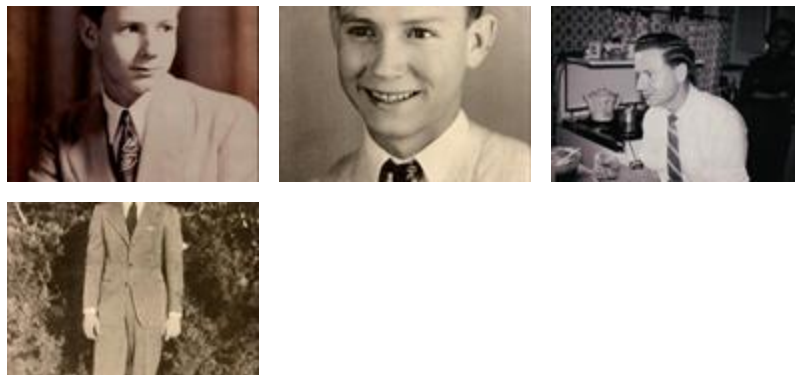
“ Such a kind Man, that was full of the Great God's Attributes, if ever you needed an example to learn to be a Good Loving Father, and Husband, he is one to follow...

*David and Debbie White
Bismarck, Arkansas*

David White - October 23, 2021 at 09:09 PM

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Eddie Willeford - October 21, 2021 at 04:48 PM

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