



"Willie" Wilfred F. Holmes

August 13, 1934 - February 6, 2020

Wilfred "Willie" F. Holmes of Tioga, TX passed away Thursday, February 6th, 2020 in Smithton, MO. His daughter, Vanessa (Nessa) and son-in-law Harold were at his side. Wilfred was born in Aubrey, Texas on August 13th, 1934. He was the son of Wilfred H. (Buck) and Nina Holmes. He married Opal Vernell Reeves (Nell) on November 21, 1952 in Denton, Tx at the Denton County Jail where Buck was a bailiff. Wilfred spent most of his working years as a diesel mechanic. Later in life, he worked for Peterbilt Motors and SPAN.

Wilfred is survived by his daughters Vanessa Naugle and her husband, Harold of Smithton, Missouri and Tonie Holmes and Don Davidson of Tioga, Texas; son James "Booder" Holmes and Tim Hickey of Battle Creek, Michigan; grandchildren, Ciara Naugle Cain and Tyrel Naugle of Missouri and Blake, Grant and Victoria Lawdermilk (Holmes) of Texas and Michael Salutz of Phoenix, Arizona; great-grandchildren, Alex and Ziva Cain, Larry, Izetta, Orrin and Gwynneth Naugle of Missouri, Mary and Jace Holmes, Mary and Charlotte Holmes and Axel, Kane and Baker Lawdermilk all of Texas. Wilfred was an only child but had three very close "brother like" cousins, Scottie and Dwight Kirby and Richard Tribble.

Wilfred was preceded in death by wife Nell Holmes, son Nemo Holmes and daughter-in-law, Rhonda Holmes and both parents Buck and Nina. Wilfred enjoyed spending time with friends and going to Ft. Richardson in Jacksboro, Tx with Gene and Marie Morrow and Charlie and Linda Arnold. Many nights were spent at rodeos with Dwight and Scottie Kirby, Richard Tribble and

Bobbie Arrington (Conway). He enjoyed taking the teenagers horseback riding and to the rodeos. He knew how to have a good time despite not having money to do so. There were also many nights spent sitting around the dinner table with Raymond and Barbara Davis drinking coffee, smoking cigarettes and just "visiting." Wilfred loved listening to music, especially old country music and Elvis.

A celebration of life will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at Slay Memorial Funeral Center in Aubrey, TX officiated by Rev. Sam Redfearn and assisted by Jimmy Floyd Davis. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

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

To send a flower arrangement to the family of "Willie" Wilfred F. Holmes, please click here to visit our Sympathy Store.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ I had the privilege of working with Willie for years at SPAN in Denton. He was a skilled and hard worker, but, above all, he was a good man and great friend. I will miss him.

Al Murdock - March 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Willie, you will be greatly missed. See img you and Nell each week was a high part of our week. See you on the other side. Ray & Kristy, love y'all.

February 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ We will miss you Papa! I will always remember the first time Ty brought me to Texas to meet you and Grandma and we all got my dirty, Missouri truck up to Texas standards. And the first time Larry got to meet you. You had him out of his carseat and were good buddies as soon as we got there! I always smile when I think about that. Love, Ty, Beth, Larry, Izetta, Orrin, and Gwynneth

Beth Naugle - February 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived. Wilford never met a stranger, nicest man I ever met...

Curtis & Holly Peacock - February 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Prayers for the family during their time of loss. Mr. Holmes was so very kind to me a few months ago when my Mother was in her last days (they were at the same nursing home); his kind words were very comforting. RIP Mr. Holmes.

Renee Polk - February 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I sure miss you Wilfred. I know your up there with Nell looking down on us. Love you Both!!

Don Davidson - February 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Love and Miss you Dad! Know you and Mom are together again!

Tonie Holmes - February 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I SHARED LOTS OF MEMORIES WITH WILFORD AND NELL AT BETTY'S CAFE. HE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HIS FACE ONE OF THE LAST GOOD OLD BOYS . HE WILL BE MISSED . GO REST HIGH ON THAT MOUNTAIN YOUR WORK IS DONE RIP

BETTY WILSON - February 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ 30 years ago in Pilot Point, TX. With much love, Jeffrey Bissell

Jeffrey Bissell - February 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I met Wilfred over 30 years ago. He and Nell came out to the driveway and welcomed me with open arms. They were both fans, support, and showed me unconditional love. They liked me just as I was. Last year the birthday and Christmas cards stopped and so did the annual subscription of Birds and Blooms. We may have only talked on occasion and when tragedy struck both our families, but we always picked up right where we left off. And I was always at home in their home, wherever that might have been at the time. I ran across an old snapshot today that I took 30 years ago. Wilfred and Nell posed in front of their white truck and they were just a smiling! I'm glad I have that photo and I'll remember them just like that! James and family, that was a great couple and I'm sorry for your loss. Love from Florida!

Jeffrey Bissell - February 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ He was my neighbor for many years, I moved but always went back to see him Nell, dogs, cats, rabbits, chickens, and listen to their stories. He was a true friend to me and I loved him with all my heart. We shared a lot of feelings with each other with our life happenings. I Love you Mr Willie. I know you had a severely broken heart losing Nemo and Nelly. I will miss my friend dearly. My heart is broken. You were a Great soul!!!!

Terri Jezek - February 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Daddy I will never forget you told me don't volunteer for anything your name is right on your shirt. As usual it was very good advice. I love you, Shag

February 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I am so sad to see my other Dad go to god. I will miss most is his random phone calls during the day. When I answered he always said. Hey Boy! We talked to him everyday for years now. He was a man that knew how you should be doing it. Comical and hard headed man. Dad you will be in my thoughts for the rest of my life. The last 15 years was great for me. He took me in as one of his own. Miss you Dad!Your other son,Tim

Tim Hickey - February 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My memories of Willie are very fond. I first met him back in 1990 on my first trip to the US. I recall sitting around the table with Nell and James, having dinner and talking about life in general all strangers together. Whilst I did not have the honour of seeing Willie again in many years, I do remember vividly how welcome he made me feel in his home. Rest peaceful Willie.

James Ward - February 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Rest in Peace

Martha Armor - February 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Somewhere in Heaven, my mom, Frances Guthrie, will be waiting on a ride with Willie. Many good memories riding SPAN from Pilot Point to Denton. Blessings to the family and friends.

Cecilia Guthrie - February 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ I lived next door from Tim and James and in the evening either James would call Dad or dad would call the boys. Their conversations were short but meaningful. Soft spoken they would each speak of family members and friends..always with a good laugh. Sadly those phone calls and good conversations are gone never hearing the phone ring knowing "it's dad" . The distance between James, Tim and dad didn't matter as they were so close. Now time has changed and the calls are now memories to reflect upon still funny and will bring a good laugh. I am sorry for your lose. Love Elizabeth

Nancy Trayer - February 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

Bette Beavers - February 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dad, we will miss you terribly. I loved calling you every evening and talking about the day, as did Tim. We love you. Tim and James

James Holmes - February 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Sweet man. Had the pleasure to work with him. Rip.

Linda Reed - February 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM