



David Hays

August 21, 1951 - July 22, 2017

David Keith Hays, of Terrell, passed away July 22, 2017. David was born the baby of a family of 10 children in Holdenville, Ok on August 21, 1951. He grew up on his family's farm which instilled in him the characteristics of hard work and dependability that made David a friend to all who met him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Medford Hays and Opal (Smith) Hays as well as his brothers: Leon, Jerry, Quentin, Bob, and Danny Hays and sister, Dorothy Fowler.

David worked at Dallas Times Herald and then the Dallas Morning News, from where he retired. Not being a man to stay idle, he then began working at Randall Noe here in Terrell where his honesty and ability for easy going conversations enabled him to be a successful sales executive. After working at Randall Noe, David drove trucks where, again, his dependability made him a valuable asset to the trucking company and a very well respected man amongst his co-workers. Not only did his work ethic endear him to many, his generosity with his time and resources were well known to family, friends and people that happened to meet him. He could always be counted on to be the first answer any call to volunteer to help complete a task for a neighbor or any person needing help. He loved to encourage others and would often take the time to reach out to those affected by illness or tough times with a note, call or Facebook post of complete support. He loved to work in the yard and he truly enjoyed any outdoor activity. While walking his dog around his neighborhood, David was also known to keep a pair of hedge trimmers to assist in keeping local landscaping looking its best! His commitment to his family was unparalleled. He was a devoted husband as well as a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. David's wisdom and generous spirit was both timely and timeless and his memory will be cherished by everyone whose lives he touched.

David is survived by his devoted wife and best friend of 45 years, Juan Nell Hays, of Terrell; beloved sons: Rodney Hays and wife, Michelle, Ryan Hays and wife, Jenny and Russell Hays and wife, Lauren; cherished grandchildren: Laren Hays and wife, Terri, Macy Hays, Anthony Hays and wife Krystal, Jade Hays, Walker Hays, Hannah Hays and Ford Hays; precious great grandchildren: Kayden, Lyla and Annaliyah; siblings: Darlene Hays, Tommy Hays and Jewel Babiak as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends near and far.

A Celebration of David's life is being planned by the family and contributions in memory of David may be made to the American Heart Assn. at <http://www.heart.org>.

Comments



“ David & Juan Nell were & always will be loved by Jerry & I. I'm sure Jerry & David are already planning a great "Hays" family reunion when we all get to Heaven. Prayers, love & hugs all around,
Clint & Amy (Jerry's elderly Boston Terrier)

Clint Evans - July 24, 2017 at 12:51 PM



“ David was a wonderful man and friend. He also had a kind word to say to all and was always positive and funny. I'm so glad he was able to attend the Wewoka High School reunion in June and see so many of his friends he hadn't seen in 49 years. He was a wonderful precious friend to me and he will be greatly missed.

Lucy Brooks Campbell - July 23, 2017 at 03:35 PM



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Lucy Brooks Campbell - July 25, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ I'm so very sad to lose our friend from the class of '69. He was a kind and gentle soul and loved by all his classmates. It was amazing to see David after 49 years at the Wewoka High reunion. We all caught up and enjoyed our visits. May God take him into Heaven We love you, David. Jan Sarber West

jan Sarber West - July 23, 2017 at 11:52 AM