



## David Vann

December 2, 1927 - November 4, 2020

David “Dee” Russell Vann of Hiram Community passed away peacefully on November 4, 2020.

David was born in Quinlan, Tx on December 2, 1927 to William Oscar and Cleo Bell (Ketner) Vann, both of whom met him in Heaven along with his former wife and mother of his children, Ruth Vann, two sons: William Ray and Stephen, his second wife Polly Vann who brought him

happiness in his later years, granddaughter Rachel, great grandson Jason, brothers: Wesley, James, L.O. and Alvin and sisters Nellie Swinford and Bonnie Turner.

Growing up in a small town during the Depression Era, David learned what really mattered, family first and being a man of his word second. He joined the Army in 1946 and was sent to Korea by ship in the middle of the Pacific typhoon season. It took 18 days, some of those in stormy weather to get to Korea. David and his fellow soldiers became very sea sick during rough seas. He was thankful to be positioned in the ‘crowsnest” of the ship and not in the mix of all those seasick soldiers on the deck. After that incident he stayed away from boats the rest of his life. He was honorably discharged from

the army in 1947. He farmed briefly and then began his lifelong career in the construction business with his brother Wesley and two cousins. He was a quiet man with a gentle smile and a reputation for honesty and integrity.

David is survived by his children: Kathy Vann of Kaufman, Peggy Smith and Rick of Nacogdoches, Bobby Vann and Patricia of Hiram and Gary Vann of Kaufman ;

Grandchildren: April, Hunter, Leslie, Chrystal, Brittany, Katie, Melanie, Holly and Josh.

Great grandchildren: Layla, Jack, Hadley, Kaleb, Iris, June, Jacob and Adalynn. Siblings: Nora Lewis, Coman Vann, Earnest Vann and Sue Sizemore as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

A celebration of David’s life will be at 2:00pm Monday, November 9, 2020 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with military honors.

# Events

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**NOV**   **Celebration of Life**   02:00PM

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Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations  
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# Comments

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“ We always loved you! Thankful for our years with you.



**Miranda Schrader** - November 09, 2020 at 01:12 PM

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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - November 09, 2020 at 11:10 AM

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“ My family moved from Dallas to Hiram in 1968 when I was 12 years old and the first people we met was Mr. Vann and his family. As Terry, my brother said in his comments, I can also still see the 66 chevy truck pulling into our driveway with all the kids in the back of the truck . They would come down for a visit or sometimes for supper and my family would do the same at their house. My dad and Mr. Vann always helped each other out. We knew we could always count on him. Kathy, Peggy, Bob and Gary we are sorry for your loss and will keep you in our prayers in this difficult time.

**David and Holly Stokes** - November 08, 2020 at 05:57 PM

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**Sandra Vann Jaynes** - November 06, 2020 at 03:34 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about the loss of "Mr. Vann" as I called him growing up as a kid. He was always a soft spoken and gentle man. I can still picture him spitting tobacco into the fireplace and driving his blue and white (1966 I think) Chevrolet pickup with a headache rack (and usually a table saw) in the bed. He and my Dad were good friends back in the day. He helped build our barn in the summer of '69. My prayers go out to Bob, Kathy, Peggy, Gary and to the entire family during this time of loss. May God bless you all.

Terry & Sarah Stokes

**Terry & Sarah Stokes** - November 06, 2020 at 12:59 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Vann.



November 05, 2020 at 03:27 PM