



Paul Cotton

July 16, 1947 - April 26, 2019

Paul Cotton passed away Friday April 26, 2019 in Terrell, Tx. He was born July 16, 1947 in Wills Point, Texas to the late Jack L. and Maxine Wade Cotton. Paul was also preceded in death by his brother, Pat Cotton.

Paul attended Terrell public schools and when he was old enough to begin working, he followed in his dad's footsteps establishing a career in shoeing horses. Paul's love for animals enabled him to start his own company, Cotton Custom Fitters, where he became the premier groomer and livestock developer who was known for his adaptability in any farm and competitive setting. His talent for seeing the best in every animal that was trusted to him garnered him the enormous respect as well as repeat requests from big-name cattle ranchers/breeders/sellers, all of whom counted on Paul to help them show each beautiful animal at its best. He was an expert at how and what to feed, grooming techniques to enhance every animal's best characteristics in order to assure every owner that their animal had the ultimate conformation and looked their finest.

Following that, Paul worked for Two W Ranch in Wills Point and continued to shoe horses for many people-even the same folks that Paul's dad had taken care of in the past. He loved rodeoing where he competed in calf roping, steer wrestling and team roping. His love of the rodeo was able to continue through his children and his granddaughters-all of whom made Paul incredibly proud for their love for riding and competing.

Paul accepted Jesus as his personal savior and later was a member of

Martins Mill Baptist Church. He had a unique way of looking at life day by day (specifically with his own brand of humor!) and he never shied away from telling others how he felt but his loyalty to his family and friends was the foundation of Paul's life. He worked hard, cared much, freely gave respect when it was earned, and when he loved, Paul loved hard and true. He was a one-of-a-kind and he will never be forgotten by all who knew him but more especially by so many that loved him.

Paul leaves to carry on his legacy his son, J.W. Cotton and fiancée Katy of Kilgore; daughter, Ashley Watson and husband, Weldon, of Huntsville; granddaughters: Callie Jo Strange and Brooklyn Watson; brother, Luke Cotton and wife Diane of Wills Point as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

A Celebration of life will be Sunday May 5, 2019 at Wade Indoor Arena 8930 CR 304 Terrell, Tx 75160.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that others consider making memorials to Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund www.justincowboycrisisfund.org.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wade Indoor Arena
8930 CR 304
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Cotton*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Fond memories of Paul Cotton. He was a mess, a real rounder. A true country boy, a real cowboy. Hate that I missed all the news about Paul's passing, I will miss running into him at different places, always a smile, and that tight hand shake. Love you Paul, RIP!*

Lowrie & Doris Sanders - June 27, 2019 at 06:59 PM



“ *I roped and steer wrestled with Paul and traveled some with him back in the 1980s. He always was a friend . I just found out. I am truly sorry for his family.*

Bill Webb

William Webb - May 01, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ *So sad to see all of the ole" cowboys ride away.They are our heritage around here.We will have long lasting memories of Paul's friendship, and he will always be in our hearts.I feel blessed to have know him for years, and grateful God has blessed him with many years of life.Prayers and Peace to all of the family during this time of grief.*

Patsy Bullard - April 30, 2019 at 01:26 PM

NW

“ Paul was my shoer since I moved here. He was a very funny guy who would always try to give this Yankee girl trouble. I will miss him giving me trouble and saying he won ! Prayers to all his family, he will be greatly missed! RIP Paul !

Nikki waterson - April 29, 2019 at 01:36 PM

BM

“ Prayers for peace and comfort for the family. Paul will be missed.

Kent & Bonnie McAree

Bonnie McAree - April 28, 2019 at 07:14 AM

AN

“ Paul was my shoer for years. He always took care of my favorite horse Dash. He will be missed. Sympathies to the family. Many prayers.
Annette



Annette - April 28, 2019 at 02:07 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Cotton.



April 27, 2019 at 09:03 PM



“ Paul was a good friend during my time in Kaufman County. He was always quick with a story- and willing to help any kid. My condolences to the family.

Brad Hutton - April 27, 2019 at 03:14 PM

SP

“ The first time I met paul I was 15 and asked him to buy me some beer for my friends. Lol. Didn't know him from Adam he didn't. He was paul, What can you say. I thought the world of paul. Him and pat would have fights and words. But me and him was always friends. The best thing paul gave me was stubby my Australian Shepard. And paul loved zinnie when she was little. He kept tickling her and he was ruff made pinkie mad but paul love that baby. Then he got his own kids and he was always so proud of them. And then The grandbaby oh he loved her so much. he will be missed by many , his stories and he could spin a tall tale. Half was true. But I love him as one of my family . Bye paul. Keep everyone in line thanks for the memories.

shonnie paul - April 27, 2019 at 02:32 PM