



E.J. Preacher Duke

December 8, 1931 - July 28, 2014

Funeral services for E.J. "Preacher" Duke, 82, of Minden, will be held at 2 pm on Thursday, July 31, 2014 in the chapel of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Rev. Jeremy Bockman officiating. Interment will follow at Bridges Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at the funeral home.

Preacher passed from this life on July 28, 2014 at his residence. He was born December 8, 1931 in Gilmer to the late Bill and Beulla Bryce Duke and was a self-employed rancher and truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and three sisters.

Survivors include: sons, Randy Duke of Mt. Enterprise and Danny Duke of Baytown; daughter, Julie McElroy of Mt. Enterprise; grandchildren, Jake Duke, Clay Ellis, Josie Ellis, Cody Duke, Randi Barker, and Bucky Duke; and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Charlie Mooney, Dago Yarborough, Dennis Rawlingson, Justin Lock, Dustin Lock, and Judd Pool.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Bridges Cemetery

FM 348
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of E.J. Preacher Duke



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - July 30, 2014 at 09:19 AM



“ Sorry to just now find out Preacher passed away. I met Preacher through Glen Barnett. He and Glen & I shared a few laughs and good times. So sorry for y'all's loss. God took two old cowboys home.

Sharon Dupriest - September 16, 2014 at 09:17 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, praying for your family, Preacher was one of a kind. I enjoyed being his nurse. We always had a laugh before I would leave.

April Tubbe Oswald - August 01, 2014 at 04:20 AM



“ To Randy and family. Im so sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of you

dens graham wright - July 31, 2014 at 10:41 AM

MG

“ Preacher was a lifetime friend of mine and of my now deceased brother, Norton T. Gatlin. He loved laughing and making others laughed. He believed in God's command of "REJOICE AND BE GLAD". He leaves a sadness and an empty spot where he was.

Ms. Jon Gatlin

Ms. Jon Gatlin - July 30, 2014 at 12:59 PM

SS

“ He was always fun to be around and we will all miss his humor. He died with his boots on, and what a way for a cowboy to go home. He was a legend in his own time.

Shawna Sollars



Shawna Sollars - July 30, 2014 at 10:41 AM



“ My daddy knew Preacher, and I had 'heard the stories', but I didn't know Preacher as an adult. He came in my office one day poking a little fun at me. I kinda got my hackles up and that tickled him. Once I figured out who he was, it all made sense and we both got a laugh. It tickled him to rile me, and I was tickled he was tickled ... LOL! I will miss him. He was one of the folks who gave Henderson character. Our condolences.

Kathy Thomas - July 30, 2014 at 07:31 AM

JR

“ We will miss u PawPaw!!!! Rest easy!

Josie and Randi - July 29, 2014 at 08:47 PM

JH

“ Randy and Family, we are deeply saddened by your loss. We are praying for you and your family thru this difficult time. Our Lord and Saviour is with you and will wrap his arms of healing around you and your family. He was 82 yrs young, but our Father needed him so he took him home. I have enjoyed thru the years all of the stories from days past about you and your dad and all the freinds. His life was full of days of laughter.
We will keep you in our prayers.

Jim & vicki

Jim & Vicki Holcomb - July 29, 2014 at 08:20 PM

JH

“ *Jim&Vicki Holcomb sent a virtual gift in memory of E.J. Preacher Duke*



Jim&Vicki Holcomb - July 29, 2014 at 08:14 PM

LM

“ *Lottie Morris lit a candle in memory of E.J. Preacher Duke*



Lottie Morris - July 29, 2014 at 04:01 PM

BE

“ *Brandy Wilburn Ellis lit a candle in memory of E.J. Preacher Duke*



Brandy Wilburn Ellis - July 29, 2014 at 03:38 PM