



## Mr. J.W. Wilder

September 3, 1929 - June 17, 2013

Services for J.W. Wilder, 83, of Minden, beloved husband of Elsie Hays Wilder for 64 years, will be held at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 20, 2013 with Revs. Jim Conway and Matt Pitts officiating. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

J.W. peacefully passed away surrounded by family on June 17, 2013, at his home. He was born Sept. 3, 1929, in Rusk County, to the late Jones Wilder and Ruby Johnston Wilder. In the midst of World War II, he joined the U.S. Navy and served two years in the Pacific Theatre. He returned to meet the love of his life, Elsie Lee Hays, of Minden and they were joined in marriage in 1948 and had two children, Donna Lou and Billy Jay Wilder. He was a Master Mason of Clinton Lodge #23 A.F. & A.M. of Henderson and a 32nd Degree Mason of the Scottish Rite Valley of Waco, belonging to both for over 50 years.

J.W. was a plumber in his earlier years, owning City Plumbing of Henderson, along with business partner Buford Coode. He later became owner of Henderson Livestock Commission for many years. When retiring he lived out the rest of his life enjoying his ranch, his cows, grandchildren and great-

grandchildren. He was a caring and giving man, very generous and never wanted to see anyone go without. His family meant the world to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bill Wilder and wife Marilyn; granddaughter, Rachel Lee Wilder.

His survivors include, his wife, Elise Lee Hays Wilder; a daughter, Donna Lou Wilder; a son, Billy Jay Wilder and wife Jolynn, all of Minden; brother, Odis Wilder and wife Vivian Tillison Wilder of Lafayette, La.; a sister, Clara Oldham and husband Jim of Longview; grandchildren, Joshua W. Poole, A. Aaron Paul, Bailey N. Wilder; and great-grandchildren, Rhett Mikel Paul, J.W. Ryder Paul, David Pierce Wilder; and numerous nephews and nieces and a host of friends.

Pallbearers are Louis Hall, Clay Wilder, Brent Wilder, Joe Wilder, James Hall, David Perry, Jerry Hall, and Perry Penney. Honorary pallbearers are Buddy Jarrell, Mack Pool, Don Jarrell, Bo Nichols, Lawrence Jarrell, Ronnie Cook, Kenneth Soloman, and Odis Chapman.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Minden Baptist Church, PO Box 160, Minden, TX, 75680, or American Cancer Society, 1301 S Broadway Ave Tyler, TX 75701.

Condolences may be made online at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Grove Cemetery

CR-3141D  
Mt. Enterprise, TX 75681

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. J.W. Wilder



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - June 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Elsie, Jay and Donna, our prayers are with you and your families. Alice Brightwell and family.

Alice Brightwell - June 22, 2013 at 04:40 PM

LW

“ Donna, Elsie and Jay, so sorry of your loss but happy for JW, hope he gets to see Mom and Dad in heaven, they always thought so much of him. I respected him so much when we were kids, staying with ya'll in the summers and getting up early to ride all day. you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Loretta Nix

Loretta Nix Whitehead - June 21, 2013 at 12:53 AM

JF

“ The celebration of J.W.'s life was very special and such a tribute to a very well thought of man by so many. He will certainly be missed.  
My thought and prayes will be with all of you in the coming days.

Jane Fahle - June 20, 2013 at 12:21 PM

KT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.*

*Ken and Neccy Tillison*

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**ken and neccy tillison** - June 20, 2013 at 12:09 PM

LV

“ *We considered JW and family great friends. He will be greatly missed by many, and will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Lance and Stephanie Vaught.*



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**Lance Vaught** - June 19, 2013 at 06:15 PM

TT

“ *There was never a dull moment with J.W. So many memories from my childhood include him, whether it was Aaron and I playing in the hay stacks and looking for chicken snakes in the barn, PawPaw saddling up the horse for us to ride, going to the cabin, us riding backroads when we were 15 in his truck with Conway Twitty "Slow Hand" turned up as loud as it could be, busting up the beaver dam, or making any of the many animals he had chase us on the four wheeler, there are so many memories that will always hold a special place in my heart and I'll always remember that same grin he'd have on his face no matter what Aaron and I were getting into. I loved J.W. and I'll never forget all the great times I've shared with him. He truly was a great man, loved by many and will be greatly missed by many.*

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**Tessa Townsend** - June 19, 2013 at 03:46 PM

DD

“ Was so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayer.

*Dennis & Dixie Duncan*

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**Dennis Duncan** - June 19, 2013 at 11:30 AM

LP

“ To the Wilder family,

*We were saddened to hear of J. W.'s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*John & Louise Paul*

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**Louise Paul** - June 19, 2013 at 10:07 AM

DF

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the the family

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**Danita Buchanan Ford** - June 19, 2013 at 07:05 AM

BT

“ When I heard the news of J W's passing I just knew he and Joe Fred were catching up on all the gossip. Prayers for the family.

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**Belinda Turner-Kern** - June 18, 2013 at 04:27 PM

PS

“ PAUL AND CHARLOTTE SMITH  
WE WISH LOT'S OF PRAYER'S FOR YOUR FAMILY FOR WHEN  
TOMORROW START'S WITH OUT HIM HE WILL STILL BE RITE  
THERE IN YOUR HEART'S  
GOD BLESS YOU ALL

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**PAUL & CHARLOTTE SMITH** - June 18, 2013 at 09:48 AM