



Bobby Wayne "Red" Lankford

August 4, 1938 - March 10, 2017

Funeral services for Bobby Wayne Lankford, age 78 of Rusk are scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2017 in the Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Robert Corbell officiating. Burial will follow at Oakland Cemetery.

Mr. Lankford passed away March 10, 2017 at a Tyler hospital. He was born August 4, 1938 in Cherokee County, TX to the late Dempsey and Willie Compton Lankford. Mr. Lankford was a lifelong resident of Cherokee County and a member of Oakland Missionary Baptist Church. He retired from Rusk State Hospital and always worked a second job either logging, farming, or iron ore mining to provide for and support his family. Working as a mechanic was a hobby of his and he will be remembered as a loving husband and father.

He was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother, Katherine Lankford and one brother, James Edward Lankford. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Henda Sue Lankford of Rusk, two sons and daughters-in-law, Vance and Jessica Lankford of San Angelo, TX, Vincent and Brittany Lankford of Rusk, twelve grandchildren including Emily South, Katie, Ethan, Kaleb and Joshua Lankford, great granddaughter, Avalee South all of San Angelo, Aiden, Autumn, Alice, Nathaniel, Henley and Avery Lankford all of Rusk, sister-in-law, Gladys Moake of Rusk, three nephews and one niece.

Pallbearers will be Ethan Lankford, Katie Lankford, Stephen Miller, Ryan Roddie, Duke Stewart and David Hyde. Honorary pallbearers will be Tommy Jones, Don Colkin, Charles Ray Peters, Emily South, Kaleb Lankford and Troy Lane III. Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Monday, March 13, 2017 at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

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“ I will miss " Red " . I've only known him by "Red" ever since I met him about 25 years ago . He and I became good friends . We spent many evenings chewing the fat in front of his workshop in Oakland .
He taught me a lot about farming and gardening . And most importantly he taught me a lot about finding the humor in life .
At one time there were quite a few cats living in his barn and outbuildings and he'd named them all each one something hilarious .
I distinctly remember three of their names he had come up with
wink'em , blink'em and knob .
We traded cars and trucks and tractors back and forth several times and it sometimes got so confusing that we could barley keep up with who actually owned what !
I look forward to the day when I see him again on the other side of this life .

Stephen Miller - March 13, 2017 at 09:26 PM



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“ We have been friends with Bob and Henda for 58 years. Bob was a good man with the good fortune of having a loving and caring family. Henda , Vincent, Vance and the entire Lankford family were supportive and caring when Bob needed it most. We will always treasure Bob and Henda's friendship.

Morris and Jean Bailey

Morris and Jean Bailey - March 12, 2017 at 05:30 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Bobby passing.



janice palmer - March 11, 2017 at 09:29 PM



“ Memories of grandpa Lankford..

When they had the indoor cat and it ran into the room and grandpa was like "MEET RUNNING BEAR!"

Orrr when we were watching tv and it was a western and this guy was running away from Indians or something and kept tripping and then grandpa was like "if he would quit falling down he might actually get somewhere"

Orrr when grandpa asked me something but I couldn't understand him so I just said "no" then grandma came in and he told grandma "he said he doesn't know his ABC's" and grandma was like "well I'm sure he is trying" and I was like 16 at the time.

-Ethan Lankford, grandson

Emily South - March 11, 2017 at 09:08 PM



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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne "Red" Lankford.



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