



Richard Arthur Eskola

February 17, 1935 - January 31, 2020

Graveside services for Richard Arthur Eskola, 84, of Rusk will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Walker Chapel Cemetery, 360 CR 4404, Reklaw, under the direction of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home with Pastor David Sanford officiating.

Mr. Eskola passed away peacefully January 31, 2020, after an extended illness. He was born in National City, California on February 17, 1935. He joined the U.S. Army after high school, and spent 25 years as a Military Policeman. He also served in Vietnam in 1967 and came back in 1968. He was part of the 218th Military Police Company and was there in the TET Offensive. After he retired as a First Sergeant, he went to work for Texas Department of Criminal Justice and served as a Correctional Officer for 18 years.

In his spare time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, conversation, and was a voracious reader, often reading more than one book at a time. He was a mason, and a member of the NRA. He was also a member of Branded by Christ Cowboy Church. He was known by his nickname of "Speedy."

He is preceded in death by his parents Taletta Delia and Henry Benjamin Eskola, and his granddaughter, Devin Clakley. He is survived by his wife, Carleen Eskola of Rusk, his children, Craig and his wife Alisa Clakley of Rusk,

Marnie and her husband Shawn Scott of Round Rock, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, brother, Gary and his wife Rose Eskola of Saxon, Wisconsin, and his sister, Sarah and her husband Rob Soderman of Ironwood, Michigan.

Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, February 7, 2020 at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Walker Chapel Cemetery

360 CR 4404
Reklaw, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home
221 5th Street
Rusk, TX 75785
(903) 683-2222

Graveside

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Walker Chapel Cemetery
360 CR 4404
Reklaw, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Arthur Eskola*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *He was a very sweet man who was loved by his family and will missed greatly.*

Patricia Evans - February 07, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Richard Arthur Eskola.*



February 05, 2020 at 12:40 PM