



## William Edward (Joe B.) Lusk

September 21, 1929 - November 11, 2023

William Edward Lusk age 94 of Rusk, Texas passed away on Saturday, November 11, 2023. William was born on September 21, 1929, to John and Iva Lusk

He was married to the love of his life Betty Lusk for 67 years and enjoyed dancing and traveling with her and loved spending time with family. He was also fond of keeping an immaculate garden, playing dominoes, and listening to bluegrass music, especially Dolly Parton. He was a member of Salem Missionary Baptist Church.

William is perhaps better known as Joe B, or Joe the Dirt Man. He spent most of his career driving a dump truck and delivering dirt. He loved his work and retired in his late 80's; however, he never lost his love of working with a dump truck and building ponds and lakes, even at the age of 94, was eager to buy another truck and start working again.

He is survived by daughters and son-in-law, Linda and Johnny Graham of Rusk, Debbie Jennings of Rusk, son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Laverne Lusk of Rusk, grandchildren, Lori Bayless, Joey Lusk, Rusty Graham, Josh Graham, Megan Bowman, Amber Hood, Joe Bob Jennings, great-grandchildren, Jared Lusk, Jace Lusk, Tanner Hood, Landri Bayless, Abigail Hood, Emma Bayless, Austin Randall, Grant Bayless, Hunter Randall, Dicen

Graham, Sidney Hood, Alyssa Bowman, Mason Bowman, Kamdyn Searcy, Tinslee Jennings, 5 great-great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 67 years Betty Hudson Lusk, his parents John and Iva Lusk, brothers Bill and Casey Lusk, sister Veatrice Goff, son-in-law, Johnny Jennings, and infant grandson.

The family would like to thank Cherokee Trails and Hospice Plus for their excellent care of our dad.

Services are under the direction of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home. A time of visitation will be held at Wallace-Thompson on Tuesday, November 14 from 6 PM to 8 PM with service on Wednesday, November 15 at 10 AM in the Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

NOV **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

The Chapel of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home  
221 5th St.  
Rusk, TX 75785  
[info@wallacethompson.com](mailto:info@wallacethompson.com)

## Interment

NOV **15** (CT)

Salem Cemetery  
Rusk, TX

# Tribute Wall

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“ Joe B will forever be in my heart. Not only was he a relative through marriage, I worked with Joe and Betty at their flower shop. We had some laughs, and funny experiences with the jokes they played on me. He worked so hard as long as I knew him, always smiling, and so friendly... you could not know him, and not be inspired by him. My prayers go out for your broken heart, but we will all have a great reunion one day!

Donna ( Lusk) Linton - November 13, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of William Edward (Joe B.) Lusk.



November 13, 2023 at 12:54 PM

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“ Nessa, Martin, Noah, David and Becky planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Edward (Joe B.) Lusk.

Nessa, Martin, Noah, David and Becky - November 13, 2023 at 12:54 PM