



Lyness "Praz" Praznik

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“**T**he Usual Requirement”

Lyness Elroy Praznik—beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, and grandfather—passed away February 25, 2022. Lyness was born May 6, 1950, and resided nearly all his life in Longview, Texas.

A hard-working man, Lyness was a welder for over fifty years. He also enjoyed outdoor activities, studying history, and, most of all, spending time with those he loved. He is preceded in death by his parents Joe Praznik and Ollie Mae Garlington; Sisters Betty Praznik, Patsy Denney, Laurel Mae “Polly” Denney, and Doris Hardy; and Brother Michael Bartlett.

He is survived by his wife of forty-five years, Wanda (Cost) Praznik; Children Melony Rodriguez and husband Joe of Longview, Tx; Mark Cooke and wife Tonya of Russellville, Ky; and Reagan Praznik of Tyler, Tx; family friend and claimed, adopted daughter, Jessica Rose of Whitehouse, Tx; Grandchildren Erin Rodriguez, Jordan Bryan, Alyson Bryan, Joseph Rodriguez, Gatlin Cooke, Michael Ford, and Ridge Cooke; Brothers MC “Buddy” Praznik and Charles Bartlett; twin sister Linda Ketchum and sister Debra Stoddard, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

A public viewing will be held Monday February 28th, 2022 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm at Rader Funeral Home, Longview, Tx.

Memorial services will be at Rader Funeral Home chapel on Tuesday March 1, 2022 at 2:00pm.

Interment will follow at Rosewood Park Cemetery.

“The Real Deal”

“Praz” left this world February 25, 2022 because the Lord needed his right-hand man to come home. Lyness spent seventy-one years on this earth “sprinkling a little love “everywhere he went. He enjoyed making sure others were taken care of and leaving them with a smile after each encounter. He loved his zero-turn mower and probably would have driven it around town had it



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been legal to do so. He enjoyed learning about history and how things have come to be in this world. He liked to tinker around—painting, planting, and cooking. The motto “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure” was likely created just for Lyness, as he found potential in all the treasures that he came across.

His “Kuvie Bear” Wanda was his number one love. Lyness dedicated forty-five years to making her laugh, showing her love, and taking care of all her wants and needs.

His children “Fat-Boy”, “Muff”, and “Big Do” were blessed with the most loving dad that had their back at any cost.

His grandkids: Erin, Spud, Alycat, Booger, G, Mikey, and Mr. Ridgie were all his number one littlest fans. These children knew Lyness to be their silliest, gift-giving, full-of-surprises best friend and confidant.

Lyness will be missed more than words will ever be able to describe. He left this world a better place for having had him in it. To all that knew him, consider yourself blessed for he truly was an angel on earth.




Events


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Visitation

 **Monday**, February 28, 2022

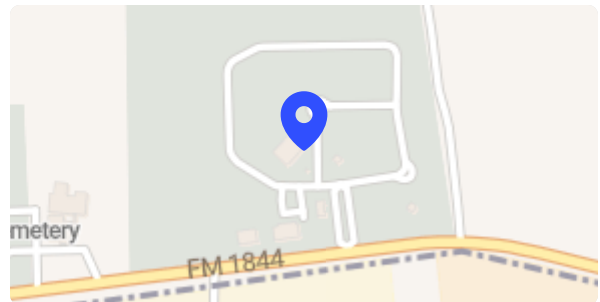
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

 **Rader Funeral Home**
1617 Judson Rd., Longview TX 75601



Cemetery Details

 **Rosewood Park**
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





Tribute Wall

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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.



March 1 at 9:32 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Praznik family.



March 1 at 7:30 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Praznik family.



February 28 at 4:14 PM



DD

Donald Denney posted:

I remember coming to visit uncle Lyness playing games outside and watching the cornets movies ever made. Before we left to go home he would always take us to the store and buy us more snacks than we could eat on the way home. He was a very loving uncle that I will truly miss. Until I see you again I love you Uncle Lyness.

February 28 at 7:07 AM



Anonymous sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Praznik family.



February 28 at 6:29 AM



BD

Billy Denney posted:

I remember uncle Lyness taking us to the corner store to get us candy. He always had time to spend with us when we were there. He would meet me at the truck stop and have lunch or dinner with me when I was going through Longview. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. Always good for a laugh. I'm going to miss this man so much. Love you Uncle Lyness

February 28 at 6:24 AM



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Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Praznik family.



February 28 at 6:15 AM



Aunt Glenda And Cortese Family sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Praznik family.



February 28 at 5:36 AM



Charles Bartlett posted:

Lyness at times infuriated me by using his nickname for me "Nickel ",never calling me by my name. At other times he showed his brotherhood by offering to share his bedroom with me because he knew how I hated sharing a room wit 3 others,never getting any sleep. He always tried to be the best brother possible and has earned his place in my heart and memories.

February 28 at 5:23 AM



Beth Ingram Fountain posted:

Lyness was a wonderful man! He loved his family so much... he also adored his beautiful wife! I will miss him also very much...

February 27 at 10:02 AM

CB **Connie Baxter** March 1 at 8:40 AM
♥♥♥♥♥

CB **Connie Baxter** February 27 at 1:00 PM
Prayers for Wanda and family ♥

CB **Connie Baxter** February 27 at 12:58 PM
Our wonderful neighbor.Stephen and I are heartbroken.Fly high Lyness until we meet again.Love Stephen and Connie



Media

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March 1 at 9:32 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lyness by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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