



Thomas (Tommy) Arden

July 6, 1934 - April 28, 2018

Celebration of Life services for Thomas "Tommy" Arden will be held at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, May 1, 2018, in the chapel of Rader Funeral Home, Longview, Texas. Burial will follow in Rosewood Park Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 30, at the funeral home.

Tommy was born July 6, 1934, in Kilgore, Rusk County, Texas to Luther and Susie Arden. He passed away April 28, 2018, in Longview. He was the owner/operator of Arden's Auto Service for numerous years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Ann Watson and Doris Snow; and brothers, Marvin Arden, Alton Arden, Malcom Arden and Billy Arden.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 63 years, Martha; daughter, Kathy Jackson and husband John; son, Steve Arden and wife Deadre; grandchildren, Heather Jones and husband Curtis, Kristal Childs and husband Doug, Austin Arden and wife Sarah Ruth, and Wesley Jackson; great grandchildren, Lane Davenport, Mason Davenport, Clayton Carroll, Arden Rose Childs and Sybil Childs; and brothers, Bobby Arden and wife Sara, and Larry Arden and wife Mary; and sisters-in-law, Billie Jean (Malcom) Arden and Dorothy (Billy) Arden; and a host of other relatives and friends that loved him dearly.

Dad was passionate about many things in life. He loved the Lord. He made a decision to follow Jesus at the age of 12 and never doubted that decision. Dad loved his family. He and Mom were inseparable. Their 63-year marriage was a partnership whether it involved business decisions or their favorite retirement pastimes of traveling and fishing. Dad loved mechanical work. He began his working career as a mechanic in the oilfield, then built a successful automotive repair business spanning more than 32 years.

Dad and Mom had a fulfilling retirement/semi-retirement season beginning in 1981. You would often see them driving a motor home or pulling a camper or boat. While traveling, they would visit Christian camps and churches across the United States where Dad would work on anything with a motor to guarantee that people could be served. When Dad did not have a wrench in his hand, you can be sure he had a fishing pole. Dad was well known for his ability to maneuver the boat to the prime fishing spot while leaving Mom (and others) high and dry, ensuring he would catch the most fish!

Dad will be greatly missed. Our hearts are broken, but because of his decision to follow

Jesus, we know we will see him again.

We also want to thank the loving team of care givers at Haven Care Nursing Facility and Compass Hospice of East Texas. You have touched our lives in a very special way during some difficult days. May God bless each of you richly.

Cemetery

Rosewood Park

1884 FM 1844

Longview, TX, 75605

Comments



“ Steve, we just saw where Tommy passed away ...we are thinking of you and all the family during ur journey of lossu and your dad were always a great help to us as new comers to L ongvie and up until retirement.....the kindness you all shared with people will never go unnoticed.....love yall

Sharon and David Cotham

David and Sharon Cotham - May 18, 2018 at 12:31 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss, Steve. Your family has always meant so much to me. Will be praying for all of you.

Ann Lary - May 04, 2018 at 09:00 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. But knowing he was a follower of Christ, no more pain or suffering and will see him again in Glory. Will continue to pray for the family.

michael wright - May 01, 2018 at 10:58 AM



“ MRS Arden and family, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Mr Arden was a good man, a man of God. We used to be customers at his shop also, known them most of my life. May God comfort you in this time of loss.

Linda Waldron Strange

linda waldron strange - May 01, 2018 at 09:55 AM



“ Darleen and Wesley have great memories of Tommy & Martha, and all of their family members. We went to church with them for several years at Little Flock Baptist. They were people that you could call on and they would do whatever was asked of them and were always ready to help joyfully, and they taught their family members well. We are praying that ! God will hold Martha and The Family in the hollow of His Hand !

Prayerfully submitted Wesley & Darleen Dollahite

Wesley Dollahite - May 01, 2018 at 08:58 AM