



Alton Alonzo Williamson

November 2, 1924 - February 23, 2016

Alton A. "Rusty" Williamson was born November the 2nd, 1924 in Sonora, Texas, the fifth child of W.W. and Lucy Striegler Williamson. In 1929 they moved to southeast Menard County. He graduated from Menard High School in 1941 and attended Texas A&M College until 1943 when he volunteered for the US Army Air Force where he served as a pilot in WWII. He Married Zella Mae Bagwell, a Menard native, his childhood sweetheart on November 20, 1943 in Oklahoma City, OK where he was stationed. They returned to Menard County to ranch in 1945. He served on many boards including president of the MISD Board of trustees, a longtime member of the Rotary club, later known as Menard Business Men's Association, and lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church. He was recognized as Citizen of the Year by the Menard Chamber of Commerce in 1992, and received their Pioneer award in 2009. He served on the board of the Bevans State Bank for forty five years and was inducted in the MHS Hall of Fame. Rusty was "The Voice" of Yellowjackets Football, serving as the game announcer many years until his eyesight began to fail.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Lawrence "Blackie" Williamson, sister Jewel Williamson Royal, brother Weyman, and sister Margaret Williamson Rudder.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Zella Mae, daughter Susan Jannett, and son & daughter in law Raymond Lawrence and Vivian. Six grandchildren

Brian, Kasey, Matthew, Sarah, Mark & Michael, six great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Brian Williamson, Matthew Williamson, Mark Williamson, Michael Williamson, Madden Williamson, Brad Kuykendall, Lee Murchison, Luke Johanson, and Luke Parish.

Honorary: Sam Kuykendall, Bill Royal, Paul Brantley, Warren Hemphill, Baldemar Gonzales, and Novice Kniffen.

Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Alton Alonzo "RRusty" Williamson.

I am so sorry for the loss of your love one. Death is not natural and that's why it hurts when it happen.

May the family find comfort reading what is promised us at John 5:28, 29. May the GOD of comfort ease your pain.

C. B. - March 05, 2016 at 09:55 PM

SM

“ My condolences to the Williamson family. Many great memories are left behind by Rusty. Such a great person to share stories and advice. So giving and respectful. May your heart be comforted in your time of sorrow by our heavenly creator. Prayers for you all.

Sonia Montalvo Martinez - March 04, 2016 at 11:19 PM

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“ To the Williamson Family
I am so sorry for your loss. It is difficult to cope with the death of our dear loved one, but we have our special memories to help us to move forward. God is always there to comfort us (2 Corinthians 1:3,4). We can also consider Acts 24:15 where we read about the hope of the resurrection of both the just and unjust. I pray this helps you to find peace.

Aleceia B - March 04, 2016 at 06:03 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to Zella and Rusty's family. Rusty was a treasured member of the Williamson family, and I will miss him very much.*

Sherry Lawrence

Sherry Lawrence - February 25, 2016 at 11:45 AM

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“ *Zella, Ray, Susan, the passing of Rusty hit Dad really hard, he was always calling you, or saying I need to call Zella, Dad says you guys are his last cousins he knows of. God bless you all, Dad (Leon Luce) will be 98 in Oct. please keep in touch.*

Vernon Luce - February 25, 2016 at 09:43 AM