



James Roy Richie

October 17, 1943 - December 5, 2020

James Roy Richie of Melvin, Texas passed away on December 5, 2020 at the age of 77. Most knew him as “J Roy”, “JR” or “Butch”. The most important names he had were Dad and Peepaw, and being a dad and grandfather were what he was best at; along with drinking scotch, telling hilariously funny stories and road hunting. J Roy survived walking through Vietnam with an M-60, close calls in third-world countries as he traveled the world in the oilfield and several run-ins with the law, but he couldn’t beat cancer. Anyone who knew J Roy loved him. He was everyone’s best friend, and he will be missed. J Roy is survived by his loving partner Kay Fortson, his sons Chance and Ash, his daughter-in-law Amanda (who he loved like his own daughter) and 7 grandchildren. J Roy had a great group of outlaws as lifelong friends and was a hero to his son’s friends J Roy affectionately called “the Posse”. He was always the life of the party.

If you knew J Roy, don’t be sad for him because he lived a long, adventurous life, having traveled to six continents and over 100 countries. Instead, just grab a beer and raise a toast to a man who embodied what it is to be a Texan. No one will ever wear the silverbelly hat and pearl button shirts quite like you dad. Enjoy the honky-tonk in Heaven and give a big hug to Vester and Maurice. J Roy was a graduate of Brady High School and Texas Tech University, where he studied girls, rodeo and agriculture. J Roy wasn’t the best student but had a PhD in common sense and the oilfield.

A small (and short) ceremony will be held at the Melvin cemetery at 11:00 AM,

Saturday December 19, 2020 followed by a "Celebration of Life" at the VR Bar Ranch in Salt Gap from 1:00 to 4:00 PM where free beer and barbeque will be served in J Roy's honor.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 19. 11:00 AM.

Melvin Cemetery
Melvin, TX

Tribute Wall



“ J Roy and I went into the Army on the same day. He was the life of the barracks and we had much in common. Both at Fort Polk, LA, but Texans with birthdays one day apart. He was a really good boxer, but I was able to score higher in Pugel Stick, the Army bayonet training. I was able to have a reunion with him, in Lampasas, after we go out of the Army. Great guy and a good friend!

Wendall Maloy - September 27, 2021 at 11:25 AM