



Thomas "Horsefly" Murr

November 1, 1933 - March 2, 2018

Thomas William "Horsefly" Murr was born in a house on the "ditch" in Menard, Texas on November 1, 1933 to Charles J. Murr and Williamina "Bill" Talbot Murr. The use of Thomas as a name was short lived, as only a few minutes after he was born, his maternal grandmother picked him up to clean and dress him, and she said "Oh, you little devil! You stick to me just like a horsefly!" And the rest is history.

Horsefly has had an abundant life full of family, friends, hard work, and good living. He has spent a majority of his 84 years on the family ranch that was bought in 1937 by his parents Charlie and "Bill". In his early years he was a great outdoors man and he maintained his love of the outdoors until the day the Lord came calling. He was a menace on the football field and a quarter miler few could contend with. After he graduated from Junction High, he went to Howard Payne college for one year on a track scholarship. In 1955, he enlisted in the US Army where he served as a military policeman with the 19th MP company. After returning to Junction, he spent several years behind a chainsaw and on the business end of a rock chipping bar, digging rock post holes. On October 31, 1958, he married his lifelong soulmate, Elsie Curtis. In 1963, they left Junction with 3 little children, Gay, Ray and Jay and moved to Sabinal Texas, where he managed a farm and ranch for 20 years. In 1967 his youngest son Dobie was born. In 1983, the Horsefly Murr family moved back to Kimble County where

he worked and lived until his death.

Horsefly loved telling stories, making fiddles, watching high school football, and growing buckets full of homegrown tomatoes. He loved ranch work by day and running his hound dogs by night. Family and friends were Horsefly's passion. Everything he did was for the love of family, friends and God. May you rest in peace, Horsefly.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sweet Elsie and the entire Murr Family*
This world has lost one of its most incredible people and gentle souls. Horsefly was one of the kindest, gentlest souls I've ever had the pleasure to meet, and those qualities are deeply entrenched in each of you as well.
I thank you for the opportunity to care for him and to know you all, either personally or through him.
Elsie, you and Horsefly are two of my favorite people on this planet. You are an incredible woman and he was so fortunate to truly find his soulmate. I'm so sorry you have lost him. Please know that you will always remain in my heart, thoughts, and prayers.
Much love to all of you. Every fiddle I hear brings me back to my private fiddle concert Horsefly gave me. A treasured gift from a very talented man.

Michele

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“ *To The Murr Family,*

I'm so sorry to hear of Horsefly's passing. May God's peace be with you.

Sincerely,

Lynne Boyd Parker

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