



## Wayne Allen Davis

September 22, 1944 - July 25, 2014

Wayne Allen Davis, a life-long Menard county rancher left us to be with God on Friday, July 25th, 2014. Born Wayne Allen Walker to Ila Mae Bradford and Elbert "Snooks" Walker on September 22, 1944, in San Angelo, Texas. He was later adopted by his step-father and changed his last name to Davis. Except for a few years spent in Junction elementary, he attended school in Menard. He graduated in 1963 with a class that remains friends to this day. Starting at a young age, he ranched with his granddad James M. Bradford and his mother on the land originally settled by Adam Bradford in 1833. Mary Darlene Sides and Wayne were married on May 2, 1966, in the Menard Courthouse by Judge John Winslow. They loved to dance and could be found on a dance floor as often as possible. They could polka like no other couple! Two daughters joined the family and were both Daddies' girls. Wayne served on many committees and organizations through the years. Some of these include Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, ASCS County Committee, Menard Country Club, Jim Bowie Trailride, and Ridge Runners Gunfighters. He was a member of the Menard Jaycees and helped build the City Pool, which he then ran for the first several years, teaching many kids to swim. Wayne became a Menard County Reserve Deputy in 1994. He loved to hunt, making annual hunting trips to either Northern New Mexico or Colorado for over 30 years. He also guided other hunters in south and west Texas as well as western New Mexico. Fishing was always on his mind too. Wayne fished from Key West, Florida to Seward, Alaska and from

Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada to Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mexico and from the Gulf of Mexico to the Outer Banks of North Carolina and many lakes and rivers in between.

Surviving Wayne is his wife of 48 years, Mary Darlene, daughter Cindy Darlene and Lee W. Thornhill III of Asheville, North Carolina, and daughter Mary Louise and Robert J. Ormsby II of Irmo, South Carolina. Four grandchildren that will miss their Granddad, but will always know how proud he was and how much he loved them are: Kallie Darlene Thornhill of College Station, Cody Allen Thornhill of Asheville, North Carolina, Haleigh Mabry Ormsby, and Lainey Maree Ormsby both of Irmo, South Carolina. Wayne is also survived by his sister Donna Jo (Jody) Davis, brother Garry and Carla Davis, and their families.

A Memorial Service will be held Sunday, August 10, 2014, at 3:00 pm in Menard at Stockpen Crossing Pavilion. The family requests memorials be made to Menard American Legion or Menard Volunteer Fire Department.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *What a good man. We will miss Wayne. Our thoughts and prayers have been with you, Mary, and Cindy & Louise. We are grateful to have known Wayne. May he rest in peace.*

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**Tommy & Gennie Hough** - August 10, 2014 at 01:25 PM

BS

“ *GOD BLESS Wayne and all of his family. I know he will be missed but the memories of him and the life you all had with him will forever be there. Remember the good times and know that he is in an awesome place and is watching over all of you. GOD be with all of you.*

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**Beth Sanders** - August 01, 2014 at 11:59 PM

AB

“ *May God give your family the comfort that only he can provide. We know Wayne loved and enjoyed his girls and grandchildren, and also Mary, of course.*

*God bless you during this trying experience.*

*Love,*

*Ann and Floyd*

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**Ann and Floyd Butler** - July 31, 2014 at 04:44 PM

JW

“ To all Wayne's family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. A wonderful man like Wayne will surely leave a vacancy in your lives & hearts, but you have so many precious memories since you had a fun life together. That is something to treasure for sure.*

*I pray for God's grace for you all because I know His grace IS sufficient.*

*Love,  
Judy*

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**Judy Waddell** - July 29, 2014 at 12:56 PM

MG

“ *My sincere sympathy to Wayne's family. We lived just up the hill in Menard, and Ila May was always a welcoming person. Wayne was younger than I, but I remember clearly his ready smile and friendly ways.*

*Losing your brother or your husband is devastating event, as I well know. Remember the good times with Wayne,*

*Mary*

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**Mary Noguess Godfrey** - July 29, 2014 at 12:47 PM

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“ *Mary, Cindy & Louise, Words cannot express our feelings for the loss you & your families are going through right now. We will miss that big smile & great laugh. We are so lucky & proud to have known him & for his & Mary's friendship. May God watch over you all & give you strength & comfort you in the days ahead. Keeping you in our prayers.. Love , Chester & Ola*

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**Chester & Ola Low** - July 29, 2014 at 10:57 AM

BR

“ I am sure going to miss your hugs Wayne. Love you, Brayla

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**Brayla Roberts** - July 29, 2014 at 02:55 AM

JB

“ *Mary Darlene and Family - I was shocked and saddened to hear about Wayne's sudden and untimely passing. I know over the years, he didn't quite know how to take me with all of my antics, but all in all, he would break into his ear-to-ear grin that meant he was somewhat accepting of my youthful lifestyle. In my books, he was a fine gentleman and family man. I hope you can find comfort in this time of sorrow from the memories he left behind.*

*My sincere condolences,*

*John D.*

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**John D Bradford** - July 28, 2014 at 05:54 PM