



E.F. Wise

November 19, 1934 - December 5, 2020

Private funeral services for E.F. Wise will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 10, 2020 with Pastor Todd Finley and Scott Ware officiating. Public graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 10, 2020, at the Freedom Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Earl Frank (E.F.) Wise was born November 19, 1934 to Hood P. Wise and Mable Ford (Kilgore) Wise in the basement of his grandfather Frank Wise's ranch house near Quitaque (pronounced Kittyquay), Texas. Heaven's gate opened December 5th, 2020 at the age of 86 years, 15 days.

E.F. was a big brother to his 4-year younger little sister, Mabel "Ann" Wise.

Living close to his granddad's ranch in the early years, E.F. was very excited when his granddad bought him his first horse, Peanut. At a very young age E.F. always wanted to be on a ranch and ride horses. E.F. attended school in Quitaque until 3rd grade and later he attended schools in Neelyword and Bladsaw. His granddad had purchased land in Pecos, Texas, west of Quitaque, and after his granddad passed away, the family moved there to take over the cotton farm. His dad continued farming and his mother worked at JC Penney's until she retired many years later.

While they made their permanent home in Pecos, Texas, he attended Pecos

Schools until midway thru his Jr. year when he left without getting his report card! At the age of 17, he threw his saddle in his Army truck and took off to follow his dream of being a cowboy and working as a ranch hand. The ranch he worked on was 50 miles from town and had 15 to 20 cowboys. It was there he learned many traits of a cowboy, working and doctoring cattle, fixing fences and working on windmills. He remembered sleeping on the ground in his bedroll and eating meals from a chuckwagon. He would return home once a month to pack fresh clothes and take a bath before the next trip out to the ranch. His clothes were so soiled his mother just threw them away! He felt like he hit the jackpot when he received his three months summer pay of \$300 all at one time!

In 1952, E.F. married Mary Lou Pointer and to this union, Darla Dee (Jack) was born April 5, 1954. The marriage ended a few years later and Darla remained with her mother. E.F. joined the Army and served two years in peace time Germany and various other places. One of his duties was driving Jeeps for the officers.

Once out of the service and back in Pecos, a close friend Vincent Duncan, introduce him to his sister Stena LaVerne Pearrow. On June 15, 1959, they were married. LaVerne was a widow with 3 small children and E.F. accepted the huge role as father for Larry age 4 1/2, Gary age 2 1/2 and Paula age 6 months. In the Spring of 1960, E.F. and his new family loaded up a few cows and his saddle horse and moved 500 miles away from family to the Freedom, Oklahoma area to work as a ranch hand for Jim Selman.

In 1967, E.F. and LaVerne purchase the Harold Ferguson farm and ranch five miles north of Camp Houston. E.F. would willingly tell anyone, there was no way that he and LaVerne could have fulfilled their dream of owning their own

ranch without the support of a few good-hearted men that helped them along the way. Once in a position to give back, he tried to help those in need. One of his favorite sayings “You’ve got to have Jesus in your hip pocket”!

E.F. lost his life partner, LaVerne, of fifty-three years in October 2012. Since that time, E.F. has never given up his role as father to his family, soldier for his Lord and Savior and caretaker of his cows and ranch. E.F. was a true cowboy! Some say he was born a generation too late!

E.F. was a U.S. Army Veteran, member of the Woodward Masonic Lodge #189, Freedom First United Methodist Church and was the Freedom Rodeo 2017 Old Cowhand. He was preceded in death by his parents Hood and Mable Wise, his wife LaVerne Wise, brother-in-law James Thomas and nephew Mal Thomas and his wife JoAnn Thomas, brother-in-law Vincent Duncan, brother & sister-in-law Conley & Gertha Campbell.

E.F. is survived by his children Darla Jack Wise of Olympia, WA, Larry and wife Jody of Woodward, OK, Gary and wife Connie of Woodward, OK, Paula McMurphy and husband Randy of Alva, OK and sister Ann Thomas of Rogers, AR.; six grandchildren: Cody McMurphy and wife Megan of Alva, Casey McMurphy and wife Tracy of Canyon, TX, Jacey (Wise) Welch and husband Josh of Mannford, OK, Jared Wise and wife Carrie of Ardmore, OK, Tory (Wise) Hamlin of Jacksonville, FL, Joshua Wise of Shawnee, OK; eleven great grandkids: Brianne and Jaiden Dillon, Kailah Fessler, Brooklynn, Reiley and Ryder Wise, Avery, Reece, Layton, Grayson and Harper McMurphy, Howdy, Jay and Jagger Welch; two great-great grandkids: Aria and Abri Collins; a niece Paige Moreland and husband Kelly of Rogers, AR.

Memorial contributions may be made through the Marshalls Funeral Home, Alva to the First United Methodist Church in Freedom, Freedom Ambulance,

Freedom Museum or Freedom Fire Department.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804
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Graveside service

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Freedom Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *E.F. Wise*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Graveside Service*



Marshall Funeral Homes - December 10, 2020 at 04:54 PM

BH

*Thank you for sharing both services. I am praying for your families.
Becky Hill*

Becky Hill - December 11, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Service*



Marshall Funeral Homes - December 10, 2020 at 04:54 PM

TM

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Timothy “Stormy” McKown

6 hours ago

EF was an inspiration to me starting around 1983 when I met him and LaVern. He and LaVern help make many cherish-able loving moments in our lives. We have to this day thought about them very often, mostly missing there hospitality over Family Thanksgiving Dinners and deer hunting experiences over our lies. I have only loved and respected two honorable, kind hearted men in my lifetime, and EF and my father were them. We will carry our memories for the rest of our lives. Our thoughts and prayers will include them and our Wise family for the rest of our lives, especially around The Thanksgiving deer season. May Our father hold EF and Lavern close to his heart, as we will. All of our prayers and condolences to the EF and Lavern families. May God Truly bless each of you. Stormy, Rishelle, Amber, and Nikki McKown family.

Timothy “Stormy” McKown - December 10, 2020 at 01:51 PM

RE

“ *EF was a great friend and neighbor. When I was new to the neighborhood, he always took time out from feeding cattle to stop and visit and say if you need anything let me know.*

Raymond Eskridge - December 09, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



Marshall Funeral Homes - December 09, 2020 at 04:49 PM

LL

“ I was so glad when you kids moved into the House in the neighborhood. Hate to see how many bikes we wore out. We'd slide down the staircase until your mom would catch us. I loved both your mom and dad. May God wrap his arms around this loving family in their time of sorrow. Lisa Evans Lopshire



Lisa Lopshire - December 09, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of E.F. Wise.



December 09, 2020 at 10:30 AM

JW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jack Wise - December 08, 2020 at 10:45 PM

RB

“ So sorry about E. F.'s passing. My condolences to all the family. Rosalie Howland Bliss and Jerry Hale.

Rosalie Bliss - December 08, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of E.F. Wise.



December 08, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ E.F. was a great man, cowboy, school bus driver and friend. Always smiling and visiting with my Grandparents at their kitchen table while I was growing up.
My sincere condolences for Larry, Gary, Paula.
May God wrap you in his loving arms.
R.I.P. E.F.



Cam Fife - December 08, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ I have so many great memories of E.F. My sincere condolences to Larry, Gary, & Paula - your dad was a very special man & I pray God's peace for each of you & your families during this time. Pam Music

Pam Music - December 08, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of E.F. Wise.



December 08, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of E.F. Wise.*



December 08, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ *I always loved his smile he was so kind. When he waved it was a whole windshield kind of wave.*

Tyresa Daughhete - December 07, 2020 at 11:46 PM



“ *EF was a Cowboy through and through! One of a kind! I pray that his family will find comfort in memories of days gone by!*

Sherry Beagley - December 07, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ *Wow I just had lunch with E.F. and Jeanie two weeks ago we had such a great talk listening to his army story. God sure keeps taking The Good one's this year. E.F. was sure happy loved his laugh. I hope he's dancing in heaven with his love. What a true gentleman E.F. was. Hugs to you Jeannie he really enjoyed your years. RIP prayer's to his children and family.*



Jennifer Nixon - December 07, 2020 at 07:52 PM

MO

“ To Paula, Cody, and all the family, We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of your father and granddad. May God's love comfort you. He will be sorely missed.

Marilynn Olson - December 07, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of E.F. Wise.



December 07, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ Paula & family...sending sincere sympathy in the loss of your Dad. May your hearts be warmed by special memories.

Dale Vaughna Schmidt - December 07, 2020 at 05:19 PM

DW

“ Sad & sorry for your loss, Paula, Larry & Gary. Terrific picture to remember him by. Prayers & sympathy....



Dudley & Jeanne Winn - December 06, 2020 at 10:10 PM

LP

So sorry for your loss...Leslie Parsons Pugh and SPC , Woodward family

Leslie pugh - December 09, 2020 at 08:29 PM

NJ

E. F. has been a good and faithful friend since 1954. Thoughts and prayers for his family and friends with the loss of E.F. "Well done, oh good and faithful servant."

Noreen Joplin - December 09, 2020 at 10:26 PM