

Read, Gary Earl | 1944-2013

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Gary Earl Read

Gary Earl Read, 69, a salesman, died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013, in Bridgeport.

Funeral is 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport with Bro. Sam Starr officiating. Burial will follow at Paradise Cemetery. Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Dike Read, Bodie Read, Justin Read, Derek Read, Jack Powers, Jerry Stanfield, Ryan Murphy and Randy McComis.

Gary was born Aug. 18, 1944, in Bridgeport to Earnest Sr. and Mildred (Pedigo) Read. He married Carolyn Tallant Nov. 2, 2007, in Cloudcroft, N.M. Gary served his country in the National Guard and worked as a salesman for Wise Ready Mix.

He was a member of the Paradise United Methodist Church and the Paradise Breakfast Club.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ann Chilton Read in October of 2005; son Gary Vance Read; daughter Lindsey Diane Read; and brother Sonny "Big Ern" Read.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Read of Bridgeport; sons Michael Read and wife, Stacie, of Bridgeport and Brad Read and wife, Karla, of Decatur; granddaughters Lexi, Taite, Ryleigh and Kady; brother Ricky Read and wife, Rhonda, of Bridgeport; sister-in-law Gay Read of Paradise, stepdaughters Tammy Atha and husband, Scott, of Pflugerville, Candi Weaver and husband, Jared, of Haslet; stepson Danny Weddel and wife, Karen, of Joshua; 10 step-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.