



Virgil Vernon Ruddick

1936-2020

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Alvord ~ Virgil Vernon Ruddick, 84, heard the words “well done my good and faithful servant” Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, while residing at The Stagecoach Medical Lodge in Bridgeport.

Graveside service is 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at Pleasant Grove Cemetery No. 3.

Family will receive friends 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel in Bridgeport.

Rev. Tim Jenkins and Dr. Dale Ruddick will officiate. Pallbearers are to include Jordan Chandler, Kaleb Purkins, Kolton Purkins, Curtis Buckner, Dustan Fennell and Matt Hollien.

Vernon was born Aug. 9, 1936, to Virgil and Dorothy Ruddick as the oldest of 13 children in Port Lavaca. He worked most of his life as a truck driver delivering mobile homes across the country. He served in the ministry for most of his life. Prior to retirement, he worked for Got to Go Solutions in Chico.

He married Shelba Pate Ruddick June 13, 1962, and again June 30, 1962. They moved to Alvord in 1969.

He was preceded in death by his infant brother, Mephibosheth Ruddick; infant son Jerry Ruddick; grandson Ryan Ruddick; great-grandson Maverick Hollien; his mother, Dorothy Rea Ruddick; his father, Virgil Owen Ruddick; his sister, Marie Cude and her husband, James; sister Myrtle Dulaney and her husband, Doug; and sister-in-law Elaine Ruddick. Those left behind to cherish their memory are his wife of 58 years; his children, Noel Ruddick and wife, LeeAnn, of Chico, Wesley Ruddick and wife, Donna, of Alvord, Marie Ruddick and Randy Potter, of Decatur, Andi Purkins and husband, Randy, of Nevada and Terry Ruddick and wife, Tonie, of New Braunfels; his 12 grandchildren, Whitney Buckner and Curtis, Jordan Chandler and Alex, Shelby Chandler and Kalyb, Cheyanne Fennell and Dustan, Katlin Hollien and Matt, Kaleb and Kolton Purkins, Cassie Skinner and Colt, Sarah Martin and Tarah, Jason, Shannon and Austin Ruddick; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by six brothers and three sisters, Edward Ruddick and Elwanda, Marla Patterson and Earnie, John Ruddick and Theresa, Royce Ruddick and Gale, all of Alvord, Judy Patterson and Ray of Bowie, Donnie Ruddick and Katrina of Bridgeport, Dale Ruddick and Cindy of Blytheville, Ark., Everette Ruddick and Debbie of Victoria and Marilyn Pope and Burnie of Jacksonville, N.C.; as well as several cousins; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a faithful servant of God and prior to his illness he attended churches at Victory Family Church (Decatur), Father's House Church (Decatur) and Voice of Triumph Assembly of God in Sunset. Vernon loved the Lord, and he never met a stranger that he didn't tell of God's goodness. He was not only our earthly father, but also a spiritual father and brother to so many more. He is known by his Faith in God, his hugs, his shenanigans and he would want you to know these three words “I am blessed.”

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