



## **Billy Joe Shepherd**

1925-2020

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Graveside service for Billy Joe Shepherd, 95, of Bridgeport, is 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at Boonsville Cemetery in Boonsville, officiated by Brother Gary Garrett and Frankie Mauney. Pallbearers will be Frankie Mauney, Ben Haecker, Keith Dunaway, Kirk Shepherd, John Thun and Adam Adams. Honorary pallbearers will be Charles Sanders and James Hamilton.

B.J. passed away Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, in Decatur.

He was born in Tulia to Cas and Bettie (Sanders) Shepherd.

B.J. proudly served in the Navy as a Seaman 1st Class in World War II on the USS Picking DD685 (destroyer). He was a member of the Wise County Veterans Group and took pride in helping build the Veterans Park in Decatur. He was also a member of Roll Call.

He was a dairyman, a dairy show judge, a farmer and racehorse owner. He also dabbled in the oil and gas industry.

B.J. was a member of AMPI (Associated Milk Producers Inc.) and a director for the American Jersey Cattle Club. He was a director and officer of the Texas Jersey Cattle

Club for more than 20 years.

He was a member of Oak Tree Baptist Church of Poolville.

Those still here to cherish his memory are brother Guy Shepherd; sister Hazel Rhoades; son Joe Michael Shepherd and wife, Earlene; grandson Nick Shepherd and wife, Belinda and great-grandchildren Olivia and Sadie; grandson Micky Shepherd and wife, Jennifer and great-grandchildren Madeline, Lindsey and Mason; granddaughter Paula Fippinger and husband, Zach; stepdaughter Kellie Ross and husband, Terry; granddaughter Amanda Cox and husband, Brian and great-grandchildren Hunter and J.T.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepson Gary Womack; and brothers W.J. 'Jack' Shepherd, Kenneth Shepherd and Don Shepherd.

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