

## Baber, Larry Clifton



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Larry Clifton Baber

Graveside services for Larry Clifton Baber, 71, of Paradise, will be 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 14, at Annis Chapel Cemetery in Springtown, officiated by Phil Erickson Jr. Larry passed away New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 2020, in Decatur.

Larry was born Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1949, in Dallas to Jacob Clifton Baber and wife Genevieve Lee (Kimes) Baber.

Larry was a cowboy through and through, and any other types of employment he held throughout the years were simply to supplement his country lifestyle.

He was a professional bullrider in the '70s and rodeoed all around the area. Once he rode the unrideable bull V-6, the first cowboy to last a full eight seconds. One of his friends at the time was well-known bull rider Donnie Gay. He also worked on the Joe Ernest Quarter Horse Ranch in Smithfield, breaking horses and exercising the show horses.

Larry also served for a short time as mayor of Aledo, as well as serving in the U.S. Army and the National Guard.

He is survived by daughter Shaye Nicole Baber of Keller; son Jacob Baber and wife, Ashley, of Sterling, Va.; daughter Katelyn Erickson and husband, Phil, of Paradise; grandchildren Samantha Baber, Jaxon Erickson, Caleb Erickson, Philip Erickson III and Everett Baber.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, J.C. and Jenny Baber.

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