



**Remmele, Merlin E.**

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Funeral services for Merlin E. Remmele, 92, of Paradise, were Tuesday, June 14, at First Baptist Church of Cottondale with burial following at Cottondale Cemetery. He passed away peacefully June 10, 2022, surrounded by family in Bridgeport.

Merlin was born Sept. 10, 1929, in Buffalo, Okla. to Jacob Benjamin Remmele and Fannie Ethel Bridges Remmele. His parents were homesteaders in the panhandle of Oklahoma. During the Dust Bowl, at about the age of 8, his family moved to Paradise. He graduated from Paradise High School. He married Betty Jewell Killough in 1951, and they lived happily together until her death in 2012. Merlin proudly served the Army at Fort Sam Houston base hospital in San Antonio during the Korean War. Together he and Betty raised four sons and one daughter. He was a dairyman in Paradise for 13 years. Merlin worked at the Boyd Feed Store for several years and had his own fertilizer business. He served on the Paradise School Board for several terms, on the Wise County Soil

Conservation Board for more than 30 years and on the Tax Appraisal Board. He was a retired farmer and rancher. After retirement, he loved riding his ATV with Dixie, his beloved dog. Merlin was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cottondale, serving as a deacon for more than 60 years. He was the building supervisor for the church building. Merlin accepted the Lord as his savior in 1956 and was an amazing man of God. He was the best father and grandfather, a true family man.

He is survived by his sons, Harold Remmele and wife, Renea, Ben Remmele, Gene Remmele and wife, Lisa; daughter, Debbie Leatherman and husband, Danny, all of Paradise; grandchildren, Holly Remmele Wilson and husband, Clint, of Creede, Colo., Misty Remmele Barnett and husband, Brad, of Lubbock, Keila Remmele Strader and husband, Elliot, of Frisco, Jacob Baber and wife, Ashley, of Sterling, Va., Katelyn Baber Erickson and husband, Philip, of Paradise, Elisabeth Remmele Coplan and husband, Radley, of Azle, Lucas Remmele of Paradise, Ellen Remmele DeBoer and husband, Tyler, of Decatur, Stahlman Remmele of Paradise, Rachel Remmele Foster and husband, Seth, of Bridgeport, Ian Remmele of Paradise; great-grandchildren, Gracie, Brady, Britton and Carter Barnett, Savannah and Reese Wilson, Corlie, Alice, Henry and Harriet Strader, Jaxon, Caleb, Philip and Kade Erickson, Everett and Holden Baber, Levi Coplan, and Hadley Remmele; and a host of other family and friends.

Merlin is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Betty; son, Jimmy; brothers, El Reno Remmele and Elbert Remmele; and sister, Volney Prophet.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Benevolence Fund at First Baptist Church of Cottondale.

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