

Sowell, Sidney 'Sid' Nelson

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Sidney (Sid) Nelson Sowell was born in Carlton Dec. 17, 1936, and passed away from this world into the arms of his heavenly Father in Fort Worth, Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022.

Funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel in Bridgeport with burial to follow in Chico Cemetery. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Rev. Fred Raney will officiate.

Pallbearers are Clayton Sowell, Jake Sowell, Troy Clark, Dustin Ritchey, Doug Poteet and Brian Arent.

Sid spent his early years in the Central Texas farming communities of Carlton and Fairy, before graduating from Fairy High School in 1955, where he had been a popular student and active in a variety of sports. Following graduation, he went to work for the Santa Fe Railroad in Albuquerque, N.M. A year later, he married

his high school sweetheart, Frances Thornton, and they continued to live in Albuquerque for a few more months before they returned to Texas, where Sid began his 34-year career with General Motors in Arlington. During his time at GM, Sid and Frances made their homes in Fort Worth and Hurst before retiring to their Lake Bridgeport home outside of Chico, in 1991.

Sid was an avid outdoorsman and he passed along the joys of hunting, fishing, and water sports to his children and grandchildren. In retirement, Sid and Frances enjoyed traveling extensively in their RV, including three trips to Alaska. In July 2009, after 53 years of joyful marriage, and while on a RV trip to Colorado, Frances unexpectedly passed away. In 2012, Sid married June Bowyer of Chico, which also provided the blessings of an additional wonderful family. After four years of joyful marriage, June passed away in Oct. 2016.

The memories of Sid's kindness and generosity will always be treasured by those that knew him. Sid was known for his easy-going manner and helpfulness, which he demonstrated throughout his life to strangers, friends, and family alike. He was preceded in death by his father, L.D. Sowell, Jr.; his mother, Mamie Sowell; his wife, Frances Thornton Sowell; and his wife, June Bowyer Sowell.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his brother, Charles Sowell and wife, Barbara; his sons, Terry Sowell and wife, Debbie and Danny Sowell and wife, Judy; his stepsons, Bill Bowyer and wife, Laina, and Doug Bowyer and wife, Bunny; his seven grandchildren, Erica Hood and husband, Jordan, Kara Stine and husband, David, Jake Sowell, Kacy Schneider and husband, JJ, Clayton Sowell and wife, Natalia, Deanna Sowell and Trenton Sowell; his five great-grandchildren; numerous step-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

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