



Tackel, David

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Fort Worth ~ David Tackel, 72, went to be with our Lord Wednesday, May 3, 2023, in Azle.

Funeral was Friday, May 5, 2023, at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport, with burial at Paradise Cemetery.

David was born on Jan. 23, 1951, to William and Ellon Faye (Kaker) Tackel in Bridgeport. He was united in marriage to Carol McClendon on July 30, 1977, in Wise County.

David worked for the Rock Island Railroad for 10 years prior to his employment at Laser Boats. With Laser, he built world-class, championship race boats used all over the world, including the prestigious St. Louis Gran Prix.

David later worked for Bell Helicopter, where he took great pride in knowing that the helicopters he built were used by our military and first responders. He worked with Bell for 27 years before retiring.

David was a beloved husband, father, uncle, brother and a friend to many who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Ronnie Tackel.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 45 years, Carol Tackel; his son, Matt Tackel and wife, Amy; his niece, Jami McClendon-Burns and husband, Brian, and children, Noah Jack and Olivia; his brothers, Bill Tackel, Clinton Tackel and wife, Donna; his sister, Sherri Stockton and husband, Mike; his special friends, Gary Pegues, Biscuit, Rodney and Toby; several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

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