

Drake, Ernest R. 'Pops' | 1939-2011
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Funeral for Ernest R. "Pops" Drake, 72, of Boyd is 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at Assembly of God Church in Rhome with the Rev. Mike Stephenson officiating. Burial will follow at Boyd Cemetery. Visitation was to be 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Christian-Hawkins Funeral Home in Boyd.

Drake died Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011, in Decatur.

Born July 8, 1939, in Fort Worth to Iranus and Maudie (Reynolds) Drake, he married Mary Stevens Oct. 1, 1966, in Hurst. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Rhome. He was a self-employed contractor in the painting and drywall industry. Drake also worked and retired from Boyd Hardware, where everybody knew him as "Pops."

He was preceded in death by his brother David Drake.

He is survived by his wife; sons Richard Drake and wife, Debra, and Kevin Drake and wife, Ann; daughters Mert Warner and husband, Andy, Pam McGauley and husband, Shannon, and Misty Drake, all of Boyd; grandchildren Josh and wife, Brittany, Scott and wife, Erica, Robin and husband, Eli, Samantha and husband, Mark, Ashley and husband, Dan, Kevin R. and wife, Leah, Alisha, Eric and Torie; great-grandchildren Madison, Stetson, Peyton, Hayden, Riley, Kaydence, Tyler, Brylon, Kaylee, Jasper and Ryder; sisters Maudie Brown of Boyd and Geneva Compton of Waxahachie; and other family. Pallbearers are Joshua "Stud Duck" Drake, Kevin R. "Little Man" Drake, Richard S. "Stump" Warner, Eric A. "Scooter" Warner, Eli Nobles and Mark Bradberry.