

Wetsel, James Weldon 'Bud' | 1932-2013

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James Weldon "Bud" Wetsel, 80, of Bowie died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013.

Funeral was Feb. 22 at the First Baptist Church of Bellevue with Larry Cox officiating.

Burial followed at Bellevue Cemetery, under the direction of White Family Funeral Home of Bowie.

Bud was born Sept. 25, 1932, in Bellevue to Wolford Ervin Wetsel and Ruby Velma (Mayfield) Wetsel. He grew up in Bellevue and graduated from Bellevue High School.

He learned farming and ranching from his dad, granddad (R.W. Mayfield), and uncle (Carl Mayfield.) He later served his country in the United States Army of Corps of Engineers before returning home to ranch in Clay and Montague counties. He also operated a dairy in Bowie until he retired. Bud was known as a cattleman and horseman all his life. He participated in rodeos as a young man and was known for his bull riding skills. Bud always wore his hat and boots and was a true gentleman at heart. He was a devoted father, grandfather, brother and friend to many.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wolford and Ruby Wetsel.

Bud is survived by his daughter, Kim Wetsel Hudson and husband, Mike, of Decatur; grandson Tanner Cole Hudson, attending Texas A&M at Galveston; sisters Maurine Bell of Wichita Falls, Betty Liggett and husband, Jimmy, of Burleson, and Joan Wetsel of Gainesville; nephews DeWayne Bell of Wichita Falls and Rick Liggett of Burleson; nieces LaWanda Cates, LaVonda DeLong, and Paula Holobaugh, all of Wichita Falls, and Janice Mulliniks of Aledo; cousins Carla Sue Pullen, Neva Fraizer, Wayne Wetsel, Malcom Wetsel, Jack Ramsey and Judy Ricketts and their families.

Memorials may be made to Bellevue Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 245, Bellevue, TX 76228; Hospice of Rural Texas, 705 E. Greenwood Ave., Bowie, TX 76230; and the Bowie Memorial Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, 705 E. Greenwood Ave., Bowie, TX 76230.