

George Rex Burris | 1935-2014

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George Rex Burris, 79, of Happy, formerly of Bridgeport, died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2014, in Amarillo.

Graveside service is 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at DFW National Cemetery in Irving. Colton Burris will officiate.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, at Jones Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport.

Pallbearers will be Cody Burris, Blair Braden, T.J. Burris, Colton Burris, Keaton Hughes and Evan Hughes.

George was born Nov. 8, 1935, and he attended 13 different schools growing up. He was drafted in August of 1954 and served two years in the U.S. Army. He served in the Korean Conflict as a Nike Hercules crewman.

After the war, George had a varied career and life. He owned and operated five barber shops and was the owner of the Bullies Corral in Bridgeport. He also was a dairyman, owned a water well drilling service, owned a heavy equipment/construction business from 1979 to 1990 and was a pilot. He was raised to Master Mason Jan. 8, 1959, and he became a 32nd degree Mason in 1964 in Dallas.

For three-and-a-half years, he was a member of the Paradise school board. He also chartered the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Bridgeport, and he taught a high school Sunday school class for 15 years.

George supported God's missions. He drilled a water well in India, dedicating it to his parents and helped to bring Russian Jews to Israel. He supported orphans in Israel and contributed to an Indian school in South Dakota.

George is survived by his wife, Sue Burris of Happy; daughters Debbie Braden and fianc , Doug Dick, of Los Alamos, N.M., and Sheri Hughes and husband, Leslie, of Decatur; son William Burris and wife, Monette, of Bridgeport; grandsons Cody Burris, Tylor Braden, Evan Hughes, Blair Braden, Colton Burris, T.J. Burris and Keaton Hughes; nine great-grandchildren; and sister Fern Anderson of California.