

Buddy Charles Bailey | 1933-2016

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Buddy Charles Bailey, 82, of Chico, formerly of Bridgeport, died Thursday, March 17, 2016, in Chico.

A private service is planned at a later date.

Buddy was born Dec. 11, 1933, in Bridgeport, to Bud and Myrtie (Early) Bailey. After attending college for two years, Buddy joined the Army and served his country for two years. He married Nita Mae Rankin Jan. 16, 1953, at Pleasant View Baptist Church in Bridgeport.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bridgeport and the Fort Worth Shriners organization. For many years he was a farmer and rancher in the Bridgeport area. Before retirement, Buddy was a hotel owner in Red River, N.M. for 20 years.

He enjoyed playing games such as dominos and canasta, picking up pecans, reading, and watching John Wayne movies.

Buddy was preceded in death by his parents, and sister Lavaine Green.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nita Bailey of Chico; son Ricky Allen Bailey of Bowie; and daughters Cathy Ann Grimes of Chico, Elana Kay Bailey of Bridgeport and Heather Lynn Bailey of Krum; sister Shirley Stack of Bridgeport; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.