



Oates, Marvin Edd

1933-2019

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Marvin Edd Oates, 86, of Decatur, went to be with our Lord Monday, Aug. 5, 2019, in Decatur.

Funeral is 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 8 at Pleasant Grove Cowboy Church in Decatur with burial at Pleasant Grove Cemetery No. 1. Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur.

Pastor Brandon Henderson will officiate.

Pallbearers include Gerald Oates, Chuck Oates, Vince Loucks, Michael Loucks and Phillip Nichols.

Marvin was born Jan. 11, 1933, to Glen Willard and Birdie Marie

(Taylor) Oates Sr. in Decatur. He was united in marriage to Catherine

Lenora Wren March 16, 1956, in Decatur. Marvin proudly served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of Pleasant Grove Cowboy Church, a lifetime member of the AASP & RC, and a three-time World Champion Pony Express Rider. Marvin was a dairy farmer/owner for 25 years until 1978 when he started Oates Custom Farming and Baling. He passed on his knowledge and experience to his son and grandson to carry on the family business.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Lisa D'Ann Oates; brother Melvin Oates; sister Emma Lee Loucks; and brother-in-law Boyd Loucks.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 63 years, Cathy Oates of Decatur; sons Mark Oates and Kim Eisen of Decatur and Scott Oates of Flower Mound; grandchildren Corbin Oates and his wife, Samantha, of Decatur, Sydney Oates and Peyton Oates both of Flower Mound; brother Junior Oates and wife, Kay, of Decatur; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

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