



Charles David "Chuck" Blanks

1936-2020

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Graveside service for Charles David "Chuck" Blanks, 84, of Chico, is 11 a.m. Monday, April 20, at Chico Cemetery, officiated by Dr. Ronnie Lawson. For those not able to attend, the live-streamed service will be viewable on Hudson and Torres' Facebook page. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Hudson and Torres Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport.

Chuck passed away Thursday, April 16, 2020, in Decatur.

He was born Jan. 9, 1936, in Whitesboro to H. Dee Blanks and wife, Ollie Faye Turley. He married Viva Jean Pitts of Chico May 29, 1954, where the couple lived since 1957. Chuck was the owner and operator of Blanks Garage in Chico for more than 50 years, until his retirement in 2014. He was an active member in the community, belonging to such organizations as the fire department, athletic booster club and Lions Club, to name a few.

He was a big sports fan and enjoyed sports of all kinds. When his children and grandchildren participated in high school sports, Chuck and Viva attended all the games.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Chico and was a staunch Democrat.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 65 years, Viva Blanks of Chico; sons David Ray Blanks and wife, Theresa, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Douglas Dee Blanks and wife, DeAnn, of Richland Hills; sister Edith Cleek of Hephzibah, Ga.; brother-in-law Floyd Ray Pitts and wife, Jan, of Irving; sister-in-law Betty Thornburg and husband, Wayne, of Briar; grandchildren Jed and Michelle Blanks of Santa Fe, Justin and Tammy Blanks of Dickenson, Kelcey Blanks of Houston, Jeremy Blanks of Chico and Jerod Blanks of College Station; great-grandson Memphis Blanks; nieces and nephews Michael Mauldin, Patricia Marcus, Mary Long, Christine Peek and Cathy Cleek, J. Jean Bernard, Latauna Burgess, Shelly Alcorn and Kelly Alcorn; many dear cousins in the Texoma area; and a host of friends in Chico and throughout Texas and Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his parents, H. Dee and Ollie Faye Blanks; son Charles Keith Blanks and wife Linda Anne; and sister Norma Jean Mauldin.

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