



Cone, Thomas King, III

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Decatur, TX – Thomas King Cone III, also known as “Bruster Jones”, died peacefully March 12, 2022, after having too much fun for 78 years.

Tom was born in Dallas to Thomas and Helen Cone Oct. 6, 1943.

Preceded in death by his wife, Susan Kay Cone; Tom is survived by his son, King Cone (Andrea); his brother, Michael Cone (Mary); his grandchildren, Thomas “Cinco”, Andy and Charlie.

Raised in Dallas, Tom attended Jesuit High School before taking a stab as a ranchhand in Grand Junction, Colo. After a couple of cold winters, he returned to Dallas to pick guitar for several blues bands until being drafted into the Army during his early 20s. Following his discharge, Tom bought a service station, remodeled homes, worked on hot rods, and raced motorcycles until eventually settling into the banking industry in the early 1980s. It was during this time that he married Susan Abbott. Tom outkicked his coverage with Susan, who he was married to for 35 years before her passing in 2011.

In 1982, they had their only son, and shortly thereafter moved to Decatur to begin a small cattle operation. In the years to follow, Tom would partner with his son King and longtime friend James Doggett in various music and financial service ventures.

In 2015, at the age of 70, Tom became a member of the Tejas Vaqueros and decided to pick up team roping. He was very proud to be a Vaquero and cherished his resulting friendships.

Tom had a knack for seeing potential in people and encouraged everyone to step out and try new things. He was candid and not always well received. But if you liked him, you loved him. He was a loyal husband, an incredible father, and an exciting man.

A memorial service will be held at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1305 S. Deer Park Road, Decatur, TX 76234 at 10:30 a.m. April 2.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Cowboys 4 Heroes in honor of Tom Cone. Link for donation: www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTQ2ODA1