



Kemp, Stanley 'Stan'

1940-2023

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Stanley "Stan" Kemp, 82, of Decatur passed away at home, peacefully, surrounded by his family April 13, 2023, in Decatur.

Funeral services for Stan were Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at Grace Baptist Church in Decatur. Burial followed at Oaklawn Cemetery in Decatur. Dr. Bill Hughes and Pastor William Brooks officiated.

Pallbearers included Johnny Wall, John Stockton, Terry Hand, Cliff Oates, Brad Tedrow, Augustine Ochoa and Charles Harris. Honorary pallbearers included Monty Reed, Scotty Reed and Sammie Byrd.

Stan was born Aug. 27, 1940, to Ellis and Reedamay Neil (Murray) Kemp in Littlefield. He attended Decatur High School and was a veteran of the United States Navy. Stan married the love of his life, Bonnie Ruth (Bisidas) Kemp, on Jan. 8, 1960, in Decatur. They were happily married for 63 years. He retired from Merchant Motor Lines in Fort Worth after 21 years of faithful service, later becoming the founder, and former owner, of Kemps Wrecker Service in Decatur. After retiring a second time, he devoted his time to mowing pastures for friends

and local businesses. Stan is, perhaps, best described as a kind, godly, giving man who was always willing to help anyone in need. He was a Sunday school teacher and deacon in his younger years, and later became trustee and member of Grace Baptist Church in Decatur. Stan was also well known for his passion for antique cars and attending car shows. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Bonnie Ruth Bisidas Kemp; daughter, Donna Leake and husband, Joe; son, Toney Kemp and wife, Leah; sisters, Wylde Kemp, Wyvonne Lipsey, Maudene (Deanie) Adams; grandchildren, Jeremy Davis and wife, Julie, Sara Oates and husband, Steven, Danny Leake and wife, Claire, Bryn Vincent and husband Dylan, Megan Silva and husband, Omar, Jordan Tatsak and husband, Tommy; 11 great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

Stan is preceded in death by his parents.

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