



Choate, Tommie

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Funeral services for Tommie Choate, 79, of Paradise, were held on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024, at Hudson & Torres Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport, with a burial that followed at Eastside Cemetery in Bridgeport. Visitation was held from Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the funeral home. Brother Melvin Castleberry officiated.

Pallbearers included Andrew Summersett, Chris Robinson, Bud Read, Joe Smith, Calvin Sanchez, and Ron Hunter; and Honorary Pallbearer Gary Green. Tommie William Choate was born on April 2, 1945, in Fort Worth, to T.H. and Laura (Raglin) Choate, and went to be with our Lord and Savior on Dec. 7, 2024, in Decatur. He lived a life dedicated to hard work and service. Tommie was a machinist and had served in the United States Army Corps of Engineers, where he proudly built bridges.

Outside of his career, he was an active member of his community. Tommie was involved with the Bridgeport Masonic Lodge #587 and the American Legion Post #569, reflecting his commitment to service and brotherhood.

Tommie is preceded in death by his wife, Donna Choate; parents, T.H. and Laura Choate; and sister, Esther Long. Those left to cherish Tommie's memory are his daughter, Charli Choate Scheller of Paradise; son, Aaron Choate and wife, Misty of Paradise; stepson, Richie Dalton and wife, Michelle of Wichita Falls; stepdaughter, Misti Sherman of Fort Worth; sister, Bertha Bright and husband, Earl of Granbury; grandchildren, Candice McMeen and husband, Cole, Tyler Scheller, Bailey Kittrell and husband, Chance, Ethan Choate and wife, Danielle, Briar Choate and fiancé, Ciera Brock; step-grandchildren, James Dalton, Alysia Dalton, Nicole Migot, Britlyn Dalton, and Cline Dalton; six great-grandchildren, Hunter and Parker McMeen, Laken and Waverly Scheller, Riley and Rayne Kittrell; six step-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.