



Blake Derwood Kennedy

October 5, 2023

Born July 12, 1933 in Mexia, Tx to Blake Burton and Johnnie Bell Kennedy. He had a younger brother, Joe Dale (born Set 22, 1941 and passed away at age 54, in December 1995). He had 3 children: Tommy Derwood Kennedy (68), Debra Diane Kennedy (67) and Danny Ray Kennedy (passed away January 2019).

He grew up in Mexia, Tx - graduated from Mexia High where he proudly was a member of the Mexia Black Cat band and played the bass drum. He started his adult life in Pasadena Texas working for Champion Paper Company. He later trained to be a Texas Highway Patrolman in 1962 and went on to serve in Cameron, Waco, Bryan, Mexia and Duncanville. He was drafted in 1950 into the US Army and served in the Korean War. In 1970 he moved to Clute, Tx to serve as Chief of Police. He then went on to serve as Chief of Police in Angleton and lastly retired as Chief of police in Tomball in July 1993. During his time in law enforcement, he was an instructor at Brazosport Jr College in Lake Jackson, Tx. He was also a member of the Rotary Club for many years. He enjoyed being a disc jockey as a side hobby. He was known as "Blake D" while working for WTAW in College Station and also KBUS in Mexia. He belonged to Baptist churches everywhere along the way during his life. He was a deacon, teacher, sang in the choir, lead singing on several occasions and enjoyed helping out any way he could. After his retirement from Tomball Police Department, he enjoyed many years working with Magnolia Funeral

Home in Magnolia - he loved spending his time there helping the public any way he could.

Derwood was preceded in death by his brother, Joe Dale Kennedy and his son, Danny Ray Kennedy.

Derwood is survived by his wife, Ella Bee Kennedy of Austin; son, Tommy Kennedy and wife Audra of Grapevine; daughter, Debra Kennedy Wills of Lewisville; granddaughter, April Day of Burleson; grandson, Travis Wills and wife Jessica of Ft Worth; grandson, Johnathan Wills of Lewisville; great-grandsons, Garrett Day of Lewisville and Grayson Fuselier of Burleson; and step-children, Jai Leigh and husband Al Addison of Austin. And Chip and wife Trina Gosnell of Bastrop. There are also numerous step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home and Addison Funeral Home extend condolences to Derwood's family and friends during this difficult time.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

OCT **13**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

OCT **13** (CT)

Klein Memorial Park
9714 FM2920
Tomball, TX 77375

Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album Kennedy



Ron White - October 13, 2023 at 09:53 AM

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“ The Currington family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Blake Derwood Kennedy.



The Currington family - October 11, 2023 at 08:28 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Blake Derwood Kennedy.



October 08, 2023 at 05:23 PM