



Billy Prater

April 27, 1938 - December 6, 2023

On Dec 6th our wonderful and loving Sonny/Pap received his wings and entered his eternal home in Heaven. Sonny was preceded in death by his loving wife of 53 yrs, Bert Prater, mother Avis Denn, father RV Prater, sisters Melba Barrett and Shirley Harris, brother Butch Prater and daughter in law Mandy Cannon.

Sonny graduated high school from Montgomery High School and grew up in Montgomery, TX. Sonny served 4 years in the Navy. Sonny lived his adult life in Conroe/Cut-N-Shoot area with his wife, children and grandchildren. Sonny worked for CISD Transportation Dept and retired in 2002. He could be found doing many things such as driving an 18 wheeler for and with family, working and volunteering with Bridgewood Farms, bowling in a league at 300 Bowl, hunting, fishing, joking with the guys at J&B when getting parts for his famous "just piddling" projects.

Sonny could light up a room with his jokes, "his" advice and his loving nurturing spirit. He was the best Pap to his grandkids and great grandkids. His loving spirit, sense of humor and wonderful memories of him will live on and be apart of each of us forever. He is now walking and working in his garden and cracking his jokes.

Sonny is survived by his sister Jean Wallace. His children Michael Cannon, son, John Prater, son, Johnna and Chuck Baxley, daughter and son in law and Kevin and Jackie Prater, son & daughter in law. His wonderful grandchildren Ty Cannon, Kayla Prater, Jarrod Prater, Sonny and spouse

Sydney Prater, Linzy Prater, Brandon Prater and Kevin Kulow. His 2 Great Grandchildren Michael "MJ" Henry and Sonny K. Prater. Sonny is also survived by his cat Buggy and MANY more cousins, nieces/nephews and loved ones.

A Celebration of Sonny's life will be Sunday, January 28, 2024 beginning at 3pm until 5pm. The celebration will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **28**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W
Willis, TX 77318

Tribute Wall

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“ I was so sorry to hear about Sonny’s passing. Unfortunately, I did not learn of it until attending Jean’s service. I’m so sorry for your loss and so sorry I was not there to pay my respects. Sonny was one of a kind with a heart of gold. I remember the girls singing together but I remember Sonny having a great singing voice. I loved to listen to my dad and Sonny sing together. As a kid, Sonny’s singing reminded me of Dean Martin. I remember the general area on Denn Road where Uncle RV told me that Sonny tried to chase a squirrel up the tree with his vehicle. Sonny was loved by all and will be missed by everyone. Love, Kathy Denn Groppe

Kathy Denn Groppe - March 14, 2024 at 06:51 PM