



## Frankie Ray Sullivan

August 24, 1958 - April 3, 2026

Frankie Ray Sullivan, 67, of Bogata, Texas, passed away Friday, April 3, 2026, at his home on the ranch in Bogata.

Frankie Ray was born on August 24, 1958, in Pasadena to Parents, Wayne Ray Sullivan and Joyce Capeheart Sullivan. Growing up in Old River, you could find Frankie with his brother Jeff, running the marshes, working cattle, fishing, and hunting ducks. He could handle a shotgun better than most grown men. Athletic ability was also a strong suit of his. There was always a game of ball going on with the boys he grew up with. Frankie played football all 4 years of high school, 3 of which were for the Varsity team. Some of his other accolades include being voted Mr. BHHS, All -District Football for 2 years, Captain 1 year, Student Council, Senior President, Junior Vice-President, Freshman Represent and competing in shot put for 3 years on the track team. He was a graduate of Barbers Hill High School, class of 1976 and then went on to Sam Houston State University, class of 1980 where he earned a B.S. Degree in Agriculture Education. Frankie Ray taught Agriculture at Anahuac ISD in the early 80's where his student chapter was regarded as one of the top five in the State of Texas. His passion for the youth in agriculture was one of his life fuels. He always had time for a kid, whether it was a show calf or learning to ride, ranch, and rope. From his teaching career he carried on the cowboy way of life to the ranch in Elkhart, Texas where he owned and operated a cow calf operation with emphasis on raising quality replacement heifers with "a tick of ear". During his time there he also was a partner owner

of the Houston County Livestock Commission, a livestock auction barn in Crockett, Texas. Here is where he formed some of his greatest friendships. It was also here where his 3 greatest blessings came to him, his children. Tyler, Logan, and Rachel Ann became his pride and joy. From East Texas, Frankie then traveled South for a large portion of his adult life, working on a few different ranches before finding a career as a USDA Tick Eradication Inspector based mainly out of Laredo. While in Laredo he found his great love "Shorty", Bertha (Bea). Spending his days in the saddle chasing a wild Bramer cow or in a brush blind with one of his kids and Bea hunting a spot he'd been corning became his life blood. In recent years South Texas became the rearview mirror as he and Bea found their Heaven on earth running a cow calf operation in Bogata. His last breath was taken there at the ranch just days after working his cattle one last time.

There was never a dull moment around Frankie Ray, or as he became known to his grandchildren "Biscuit". He was a loyal and faithful friend. He would laugh with you through the good times and hurt for you during the bad. He never met a stranger, and his word was his bond. An old soul that his friends would say was born 100 years too late, like he was borrowed from an earlier time. Frankie was a father figure to many and enjoyed teaching you a lesson about life, hunting, or patience without you even realizing you were getting an education. A lot of stories can't be told out loud or as part of a church service, but that's what made his life so memorable. His impact will never be forgotten. A cowboy, a friend, a father, a husband, and a "Biscuit", that's Frankie Ray. Frankie was preceded in death by his father, Wayne Ray Sullivan, Uncle; Frank E. Cook, Uncle; J.E. Cook, and Granddaughter; Nelli Joyce Sullivan. He is survived by his mother, Joyce Capeheart Sullivan, Wife; Bertha (Bea) Sullivan, Brother: Jeff Wayne Sullivan and wife Carol, Children; Tyler Ray Sullivan and wife Bailey, Logan Gray Sullivan and wife Alex, Rachel Ann Sullivan and husband Hunter, Christina Casarez and husband Anthony, Dago Maldonado and wife Iliana, and Danny "Jaguar" Maldonado, Grandchildren; Sloan, Nova, Belle, Valley, Sullivan, Anthony, Ava, Angelo, Zayden, and

Zachary, Niece; Claye Ann Sullivan.

Visitation and Funeral Services will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, TX (1700 Normal Park Dr., Huntsville, TX 77340) on Saturday, April 11, 2026 with Visitation at 1:00pm and Funeral Services at 2:00pm. All are welcome to join the family at Big E-Z Crawfish and Oyster Bar (2707 Sam Houston Ave., Huntsville TX 77340) from 4:00pm-6:00pm for a celebration of life.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly request that memorial contributions be made to The Michelle Lynn Holsey Foundation in Frankie's Honor.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfmh.com

## Funeral services

APR 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
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# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Sending my condolences to you and the family.

Kevin McBride - April 11 at 03:44 PM

TP

“ We met Frankie in the summer of 2022 on a hunting trip in Medina, over the course of the hunt me and Frankie got to be real close, we kept in touch and made sure to see each other as much as possible, he would always try to come to the San Antonio stock show to see me show my calf and we'd call at least once every week, couldn't ask for a better friend

Townes Petrich - April 11 at 10:57 AM

JJ

“ Jinifer Barbeaud Johnson lit a candle in memory of Frankie Ray Sullivan



Jinifer Barbeaud Johnson - April 11 at 12:32 AM

CB

“ We absolutely loved Mr. Frankie. The first time we met him he helped our daughter, Allie (he called her squirrel) shoot her first animal ever. It was wild hog. She said on the way home... Mr. Frankie is what I imagine a grandfather should be. We fell in love with Mr. Frankie and Ms. Bea. We think of yall as family and will miss him so very much.  
Love, Chris, Candace, & Allie (Squirrel)

Candace Bonaventure - April 10 at 05:05 PM

CF

“ Cody Kohleffel and Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Frankie Ray Sullivan.



Cody Kohleffel and Family - April 10 at 01:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frankie Ray Sullivan.



April 10 at 12:13 PM



“ We only knew Frankie for a short time, but he was the sweetest to us. He took my kids under his wing, we take them with him to feed, or just go for a ride around the farm. They definitely don't make men like him anymore. What a great loss this is. Our hearts and prayers go out to Mrs Bea, his family & friends. We are so grateful for our time we knew him. I will miss my conspiracy theory buddy. Fly high Mr Frankie.



Chels Camus - April 09 at 10:52 PM



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CB

“ Chris Barrow lit a candle in memory of Frankie Ray Sullivan



Chris barrow - April 09 at 03:00 PM

DB

“ Dean Barrow lit a candle in memory of Frankie Ray Sullivan



Dean Barrow - April 09 at 01:17 PM

JF

“ Jonathan "JP" Ruiz & Famiy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Frankie Ray Sullivan.



Jonathan "JP" Ruiz & Famiy - April 09 at 08:00 AM

JF

“ Jonathan "JP" Ruiz & Famiy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frankie Ray Sullivan.

Jonathan "JP" Ruiz & Famiy - April 09 at 08:00 AM

ML

“ *Much love, Evie LaFleur purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Frankie Ray Sullivan.*



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**Much love, Evie LaFleur** - April 08 at 12:23 PM

TF

“ *The Fisher's purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Frankie Ray Sullivan.*



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**The Fisher's** - April 08 at 11:59 AM

OF

“ *Our PRT Family. purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Frankie Ray Sullivan.*



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**Our PRT Family.** - April 08 at 08:41 AM

OF

“ *Our PRT Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frankie Ray Sullivan.*

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**Our PRT Family.** - April 08 at 08:41 AM

JF

“ J T Brown and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Frankie Ray Sullivan.



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**J T Brown and Family** - April 08 at 07:12 AM

JF

“ J T Brown and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frankie Ray Sullivan.

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**J T Brown and Family** - April 08 at 07:12 AM

JM

“ JohnnieMelba Melton lit a candle in memory of Frankie Ray Sullivan



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**JohnnieMelba Melton** - April 07 at 08:47 PM

JM

Long ago friends of Wayne, Joyce and both boys. We ate many meals at their home. ...the Odom family then. Go rest high Frankie.

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**JohnnieMelba Melton** - April 07 at 08:52 PM

DT

“ *Dovalina Family Laredo tx purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Frankie Ray Sullivan.*



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**Dovalina Family Laredo tx** - April 07 at 08:20 PM

PI

“ *I met Frankie Ray while he was working in Laredo with USDA. We become really good friends. It wasn't difficult to become his friend. He was great man. A great story teller. He was always willing to teach anyone tricks of the cattle trade. His passion for the outdoors is what hooked me from the get go. He loved being in the brush hunting and fishing as I do to. One of the most memorable and funny times I had with him is when we low crawled about 150 yards to sneak up on a big old buck. About half way there we had split up and kept crawling toward a thicket that we were going to get cover from. He just kept signing me to keep going. The deer was out of my sight so I just kept doing what he told me, crawl. Once met up at the thicket we laid there while I gathered my breath. A minute later he just stood up and I said you're gonna spook him!!! He looked down at me smiled giggled a bit and said ... that big buck hauled A\*\* about 20 minutes ago. But that was fun wasn't it... let's go find another one.. Always a good time with Frankie. I will miss you Frankie Ray...*

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**Paul Young III** - April 07 at 07:14 PM

TF

“ *The Bubba Fritsch Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Frankie Ray Sullivan.*



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**The Bubba Fritsch Family** - April 07 at 06:53 PM

WI

“ *With love, The Ingrams purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Frankie Ray Sullivan.*



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**With love, The Ingrams** - April 07 at 05:43 PM

SF

“ *Stanley Blinka and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Frankie Ray Sullivan.*



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**Stanley Blinka and family** - April 07 at 02:02 PM

SF

“ *Stanley Blinka and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frankie Ray Sullivan.*

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**Stanley Blinka and family** - April 07 at 02:02 PM

ES

“ I met Mr Frankie Ray when he was a tick rider in South Texas. At the time i was a special agent with Texas DPS. Got to be good amigos and often spoke about life while riding the river on horseback. I was around when Frankie met Bea who finally was able to hobble him. Always will hold the memories of some honky tonk or BBQ with Pancho.

*Rest in Peace Amigo. Been a long ride.*

*EJ Salinas, Company "D" Senior Texas Ranger*

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**EJ Salinas** - April 07 at 01:09 PM

LD

“ Lacie Burns, Taylor & Blake DeLong purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Frankie Ray Sullivan.



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**Lacie Burns, Taylor & Blake DeLong** - April 07 at 01:08 PM

CC

“ I met Mr Frankie on a veterans buffalo hunt. We hit it off right away talking about cows and live stock. After the hunt Mr Frankie would often call me from time to time to see how things and cows were doing in Louisiana. I am blessed for having met him and to have that friendship. He was always cheerful and had a positive outlook. He had a great sould and a great personality. I know he loved Mrs B very dearly. I know he will be deeply missed. The world is a lesser place without his presence.

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**Charles Cotton** - April 07 at 12:56 PM

GK

“ *Mr Sullivan was my favorite High School teacher, I was in his Ag class and Ag Typist for 2 years. You could go to him to get help with school, to just visit or to even talk about personal things you were going through. He was a teacher, a mentor and a friend. He was a treasure to know and will be missed.*



Gina King - April 07 at 12:30 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Frankie Ray Sullivan.*



April 07 at 12:24 PM

MF

“ *Lifting up the family and friends of Frankie Sullivan for comfort and strength from our Lord Jesus Chrst,*



Marvin Hyvl and Family - April 07 at 12:15 PM

LO

“ *Lauren and Colby Ogden purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frankie Ray Sullivan.*



Lauren and Colby Ogden - April 07 at 11:35 AM

LO

“ Lauren and Colby Ogden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frankie Ray Sullivan.

Lauren and Colby Ogden - April 07 at 11:35 AM

BD

“ Brook Deloach lit a candle in memory of Frankie Ray Sullivan



Brook Deloach - April 07 at 08:58 AM

CS

“ Cully Smith lit a candle in memory of Frankie Ray Sullivan



Cully Smith - April 06 at 05:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frankie Ray Sullivan.



April 06 at 05:07 PM