



Jodie Leroy Anthis

August 14, 1948 - December 18, 2022

Jodie Leroy Anthis was born August 14, 1948 in Cameron, Texas and died December 18, 2022 in Houston, Texas. He is survived by his wife Nancy Lynn Reese; three sons Rigel Reese Anthis and his wife Colleen, Delphin Canes Reese Anthis, and Jacy Reese Anthis and his wife Kelly; grandson Clark and granddaughter Calla; brother Roger Smith and his wife Charlotte; nephew Ricky Ripke and nieces Kimberly Garcia and Felicia Jackson; brother-in-law Joel and his wife Nita; and sister-in-law Susie Reese. He was preceded in death by his father Joseph Horton Anthis, Jr.; mother Mabel "Bobbie" Hanson Anthis; sister Roberta Ripke; brother Leon Anthis; and brother-in-law Jim Reese.

Jodie grew up in the small coastal town of Palacios, Texas and as a student worked on a cotton gin, shrimp boats, oil rigs, and as an electrician. After moving to Huntsville, Texas and graduating from Sam Houston State University, he worked for three decades as a schoolteacher, primarily in outdoor education with Houston ISD at Camp Cullen as well as with Willis and Windham. He was a beloved educator known for his creative storytelling, dedication to each individual student, and eidetic knowledge across every subject.

He was a jack-of-all-trades who approached every area of life with patience, stoicism, and care. Jodie and Nancy, who was also a schoolteacher, met in

Giddings, Texas at a housewarming party where she admired his frisbee playing. Together they built the family home and other buildings, and they worked with their children on creative projects such as building a motorcycle and blacksmithing forges. Jodie passed away from a traumatic brain injury incurred in May 2022 in a creek behind the family home while gathering sand for avocado trees.

The family will honor Jodie's life on December 26, 2022 with a green burial near Lake Livingston.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to your favorite charity. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Ethician Cemetery

Previous Events

Burial

DEC 26 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr.Anthis was my teacher in Willis many years ago. I thought about him many times he was a great guy who I had a great amount of respect for I enjoyed going to his class every day. He treated us as if we were his kids . RIP Mr. A. Frank Viniarski Class of 84 Willis High.*

frank viniarski - December 29, 2022 at 11:05 PM

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“ *M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Jodie Leroy Anthis*



M. Hyvl - December 23, 2022 at 05:46 PM

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Thank you for your kind comments about Jodie's teaching skills. I tell our sons about their dad's fondness for his students in Willis. It means more coming from a former student! Sincerely, Nancy Reese

Nancy Reese - January 03, 2023 at 10:23 PM