



Billy Ralph Edwards

March 25, 1942 - November 5, 2024

Services for Billy Ralph Edwards, 82, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Ron Moore and Rev. Joe Cook officiating. Burial will be held on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Edwards passed away Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in Tyler. He was born March 25, 1942, in Bokchito, OK to Hubert and Minnie Purvis Edwards.

Ralph was a longtime member of Green Acres Baptist Church. He graduated from Bokchito High School and joined the United States Army soon after. After serving in Korea, he moved to Dallas where he met the love of his life, Beth. He worked for and owned various trucking companies over the years. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and loved the outdoors. In his retirement, he enjoyed RV'ing with his wife and touring the country, including Colorado, Utah, Maine, Georgia, South Carolina, and Arkansas.

Ralph was known for his pride and love for his family and friends. All who knew him felt his love and compassion, especially when he was able to cook or grill for them. He was known for being selfless and for putting others first. He was also lovingly known by his grandkids as "Waf".

Ralph was preceded in death by his father and mother, brothers, Claude Edwards and Lewis Edwards, and sister, Mary Lou Cross. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 58 years, Beth, daughter Gina Hammack and husband David of McKinney, daughter Melany Porter and husband Steve of Plano, grandson Collin Hammack and wife Morgan, grandson Brady Hammack, grandson Ayden Porter, grandson Jackson Porter, and granddaughter Isabella Porter. He will also be missed by many many cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews as well as neighbors and friends.

Visitation is scheduled from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701 (<https://hospiceofeasttexas.org>) or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741 (www.cancer.org).

Where there is Hope, there is Faith. Where there is Faith, Miracles happen.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

NOV 9. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy Ralph Edwards



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 07, 2024 at 04:40 PM

SC

“ Sincerely, Terrie and Bob Calderon purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Billy Ralph Edwards.



Sincerely, Terrie and Bob Calderon - November 11, 2024 at 10:05 AM

BA

“ Bob A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Ralph Edwards.

Bob A. - November 09, 2024 at 09:28 AM

TJ

“ The Burkhart Family: Paul, Carol & Jon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Ralph Edwards.

The Burkhart Family: Paul, Carol & Jon - November 08, 2024 at 06:51 PM

TJ

“ *The Burkhart Family: Paul, Carol & Jon purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Billy Ralph Edwards.*



The Burkhart Family: Paul, Carol & Jon - November 08, 2024
at 06:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Billy Ralph Edwards.

November 08, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Ralph Edwards.*



November 08, 2024 at 01:29 PM

BH

“ *Brenda and Hilton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Billy Ralph Edwards.*



Brenda and Hilton - November 08, 2024 at 10:55 AM

KS

“ *Kim Schuchmann purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Billy Ralph Edwards.*



Kim Schuchmann - November 07, 2024 at 02:15 PM

CL

“ *Cristy R Lindsey lit a candle in memory of Billy Ralph Edwards*



Cristy R Lindsey - November 07, 2024 at 02:01 PM

CL

*We are so sad to hear of Uncle Ralph's passing. We have been praying for him since hearing of his diagnosis, and will continue to pray for the repose of his soul and for divine peace and comfort for Aunt Beth, Gina & Melany & their families.
With Love, Cristy Edwards Lindsey*

Cristy R Lindsey - November 07, 2024 at 02:06 PM



“ 131 files added to the album LifeTributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 07, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy Ralph Edwards.

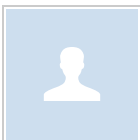


November 06, 2024 at 08:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Billy Ralph Edwards.

November 06, 2024 at 03:54 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Billy Ralph Edwards.



November 06, 2024 at 03:54 PM

WK

“ With Love, Kevin and Amy Keane planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Ralph Edwards.

With Love, Kevin and Amy Keane - November 06, 2024 at 01:38 PM

WK

“ With Love, Kevin and Amy Keane purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Billy Ralph Edwards.



With Love, Kevin and Amy Keane - November 06, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Ralph Edwards.



November 06, 2024 at 12:16 PM