



Ralph Metcalf

April 5, 1922 - May 18, 2010

Services for Ralph Metcalf, 88, of Teaselville, Texas, will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at 2:00 PM at County Line Baptist Church with Rev.'s Edwin Lewis and Tom Pesnell officiating. Ralph, beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend passed from this life on May 18, 2010, at his home surrounded by family and loved ones. Burial will follow at Flint Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. He was born April 5, 1922, in Winona, Texas to Jack and Ada Lee Metcalf. Ralph attended school in Winona and Eureka. He was a decorated World War II Army veteran of 3 years; 27 months of which were in the Middle East with the Persian Gulf Command. His memoirs are illustrated with photographs he took and developed during that era. Ralph had a number of wonderful accomplishments in the farming community. He was a member and Deacon at County Line Baptist Church. He was a member of the Agriculture Soil and Water Conservation for 27 years. He earned numerous awards and ribbons at Smith County Hay shows each year. Early in his life, he was a worker with the Civilian Conservation Corps helping establish Lake Tyler and Possum Kingdom Lake. Ralph was a hard working dairy farmer for 20 years, ultimately turning from dairy to beef cattle ranching for the past 45 years. Along with farming and ranching you would always find a large vegetable garden in the same spot on his land where he unselfishly shared delicious produce with family, neighbors and friends for the past 63 years. He was an avid quail hunter and shared many hours of hunting with family and friends. Family was

the center of Ralph's life. His kind intelligence and patience was inspiring to the lives of the thousands of people he touched. He was an "Uncle" to friends and was instrumental in bringing many, many "adopted" children into adulthood with all the right values. Ralph was a model to everyone from newborns to the elderly. His farm and home were always open to visitors. City kids learned the rewards earned from hard work, a job well done, and stick to it-ness. Throughout the life of his family you would many times see extra cars in the driveway as people stayed over for the weekend. And when children were involved...Well, on the dairy agenda was always a child's life long experience of "hand milking" a cow, evolving later to a "hay ride" to feed and check on the beef cattle. City folk loved to visit the Metcalf's! Plus they received a side benefit of great veggies and being mentored by the best. Ralph was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Lola Neeley; grandson, Chad Hill of Flint; brothers, Pete Metcalf of Tyler and Wayne Metcalf of Bullard and; and sisters, Gussie McClenny of Tyler and Helen Neeley of Flint. He is survived by his loving family including his son, Gaylon of Teaselville; daughter's, Sherry Lavada Canfield and husband Bill of Teaselville, Brenda Hill and husband James of Flint; brother, Billy Metcalf of Flint; sister, Geraldine Hall of Tyler; grandchildren, Chris Hill and wife Amber and Brynнан and Blaire of Tomball; and a number of nieces and nephews . There is something missing today in the hearts of those who called Ralph, uncle, dad, grandpa and friend. He will be missed by the many whose lives were incredibly lucky enough to be touched by this good man. But the memories he created will live on through each of us. God give rest to you at your new home. Visitation is scheduled for Friday, May 21, 2010 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703. Mr. Metcalf will lie in state on Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at his home at 13351 CR 344 West, Bullard, Texas 75757. Memorials in honor of Ralph Metcalf may be made to Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701. The family would like to offer a special thank you to Joyce Story and Deborah Pinke. For more information or to

express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *What a beautiful tribute paid to your Father with his Obituary. God Bless - remember you in prayer.*

Shirley Crook - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Ralph Metcalf, like my dad Russell Hill, was a lover of the land, always a farmer at heart. He understood how to grow things and had the patience to wait, whatever conditions developed. When I last visited with him, I admired his spirit, courage, and common sense. I will miss him, as will so many others. Blessings on all his family.*

Jane Purtle - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ *The obituary is a beautiful tribute to a wonderful man. We met Ralph through Sue and Buster Nelson. Buster and Ralph served in WWII together and we loved listening to their stories and their life adventures. We know Ralph and Buster are together in heaven and taking up where they left off. Our lives have been so wonderfully blessed just by knowing the Nelson's and the Metcalf's and to have been a part of their extended family. There is no finer tribute to a good man than a good family! Thank you, Ralph, for having been a part of our lives. We will miss you!*

Linda and Ed Volek - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Miss Brenda-
I would like to express my sympathy to you & your family. It sounds like your father was a wonderful man! Please know I think of your family often.
-Kim*

Kim Foughty Covarrubias - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *There are not enough words to express how I feel about what you have meant to me and my family. We will always cherish every memory we have. Love you always.*

Sue Smith - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Please accept our sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Ralph was our friend, and not long ago, he shared some of his home grown garden produce with us, as well as a nice visit.*

Lavada, Ava and I want you to know that you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Royce & Ava Lusk

Royce Lusk - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Dear Gaylon and Family,
I am so sorry for the loss of Mr. Ralph.
He was always so friendly and sweet to me over the years. May God comfort You all.
In Christian Love,
Anita*

Anita Batton Hutson - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

YU

“ You should be means to riesvit your nearest Subway as well as collect up a promotional poster upon franchising opportunities. For income requirements, we would theory you'd expected need during slightest \$ 100,000 so we could proceed a bank for a blurb operation loan. Required collateral would change if we introduce starting in to this with a partner. As for location? Yes, we will wish to be in a jammed area (both for vehicles as well as pedestrians). You could fix up nearby a series of businesses to capture employees for your lunch crowd. Make certain which we have rarely manifest signage. Consider if we wish to be in a selling mall or a apart blurb sell section if you're in a mall, we might be tranquil my a mall's hours of operation (you can get around this by carrying an outward doorway for access). Also, safeguard we have plenty parking!

Yuri - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM