



Joe Steve Ashford

May 14, 1913 - December 16, 2009

Services for Joe Steve Ashford will be Fri., Dec. 18, 2009, 2:00 PM, at the Coleman Church of Christ with Tandy Troutman and Don Willingham officiating. Graveside services will be Mon., Dec 21, 10:00 AM at Westlawn Memorial Cemetery in Borger, TX, with Kenneth Hawley officiating.

Joe Steve Ashford was born May 14, 1913, in Powderly, Lamar Co., TX, to Joe Boyd Ashford and Emma Lou Coward Ashford. He moved with his parents to Kenefic, OK, when he was three years old. He graduated from Kenefic High School and married high school sweetheart, Vera Pauline Slaton on Nov 18, 1933. He lovingly cared for Vera during a 15-year illness. She preceded him in death on Feb 10, 1997. Steve farmed near Kenefic until 1946 when they moved to Borger, TX, where he was a maintenance foreman for Phillips Chemical Co. Until he retired on May 1, 1978. Steve was a good carpenter and woodworker. He built their home in Borger and after retiring, his greatest joy was helping others.

On Sept 26, 1998, Steve married long-time family friend, Ruby Shipman Wilson and moved to Durant, OK. In 2002, he helped build a house on land near Kenefic which had belonged to Ruby's parents. He loved being on the farm and making everything neat and clean.

Steve was a faithful member of the Coleman Church of Christ and attended services as long as he was able. After he became ill, he asked every day if it was church day.

Preceded in death by first wife, Vera Pauline Slaton Ashford; four brothers,

Ruben Marselle, William Glen, Benjamin Boyd "Buddy" and Clifton Haden Ashford; two sisters, Letha Gibson and Marie Lucille Behrens.

Survived by: wife, Ruby Shipman Wilson Ashford of Kenefic; daughter, Anna Joyce Barnett of Irving, TX; son, James "Jimmy" Wayne Ashford of Borger, TX; grandchildren, Sherry Barnett & husband Jose Blanco of Atlanta, GA and Gregory Barnett and wife Cindy of Oklahoma City; great-grandchildren Christopher Barnett & wife Amy of Midlothian, TX and Shanna Barnett Schmitz and husband Dan of Dallas, TX; step-great-grandchildren Dustin Andrews & wife Brooke of Southlake, TX, and Kristi Andrews of Oklahoma City and three step-great-great-grandchildren. Steve is also survived by step-daughter, Byrdie Wilson Hawley & husband Dan of Kenefic, step-grandchildren Danetta Shelburne & husband Ian of Abilene, TX, David Hawley & wife Lisa of Cedar Park, TX and Kenneth Hawley & wife Deborah of Lubbock, TX, and twelve step-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Gregory Barnett, Christopher Barnett, Dustin Andrews, Jose Blanco, Dan Schmitz and Joe Ashford.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Steve Ashford*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go with you and your family. May God comfort you as He welcomes Steve home.*

Steven Daley RN

Steven Daley - December 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Steve was not just a Gentleman...he was truly a Gentle Man...a rare find in today's world.*

I'm sure he has already offered his services to Jesus to assist in building the heavenly mansions.

Don Barnett - December 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ For those of you that knew our Granddaddy...Steve Ashford...husband, father, granddaddy and great granddaddy....He went to be with the Lord today....96 1/2 years old....He was a Great Man that will be surely missed....I received the greatest Blessing this summer by having the opportunity to spend some Quality time with him....Thank You God! I received some of the Greatest Memories....I think the best one was...one night late...he and I were talking and I asked him if he knew how much we all LOVED him...and he responded NO....I felt tears come to my eyes, and my head dropped....thinking Oh My Gosh....and before I could say another word Granddaddy said "BUT I KNOW MY JESUS CHRIST LOVES ME!!!! That was the greatest gift that granddaddy could ever give me...What a peaceful feeling that must be...Well I have lots memories...some fun ones and some sad ones....but that one was the BEST ONE.....and I just wanted to share with all of you that have a connection with him through your friendships or through us and our stories of him....

Cindy Barnett - December 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM