

## CLOSE THE GATE

For this one farmer the worries are over,  
lie down and rest your head.  
Your time has been and struggles enough,  
put the tractor in the shed.

Years were not easy, many downright hard,  
but your faith in God transcended.  
Put away your tools and sleep in peace,  
the fences have all been mended.

You raised a fine family, worked the land well  
and always followed the Son,  
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn;  
your work here on earth is done.

A faith few possess led your journey through life,  
often a jagged and stony way,  
The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded,  
and here now is the end of your day.

Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin;  
the stories flow like fine wine,  
Wash off your work boots in the puddle left by  
blessed rain one final time.

You always believed that the good Lord would  
provide, and He always had somehow,  
Take off your gloves and put them down,  
no more sweat and worry for you now.

Your labor is done, your home now is heaven;  
no more must you wait.  
Your legacy lives on, your love of the land,  
and yes Dad - we will close the gate.

SERVICES IN CARE OF



FUNERALS &  
CREMATIONS

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Doyle Ray  
Bailey

1937 - 2026



“GRANDADDY”

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Doyle Ray Bailey

## FUNERAL SERVICE

10:00 AM Tuesday, April 21, 2026  
Forest Hill Baptist Church  
Quitman, Texas

OFFICIATING  
Brother Fred Morrow

MUSIC  
"Scars in Heaven"  
"Lead Me Home"

## PALLBEARERS

John David Gibson      Kyle Lee  
Jody Bailey      Clayton Joiner  
Larry Sandifer      Kenny Lattin

INTERMENT  
Clover Hill Cemetery  
Quitman, Texas

## REMEMBERING GRANDADDY...

Doyle Ray Bailey, 88, of Quitman, passed away on April 16, 2026, in Tyler, surrounded by his family. He was born on October 8, 1937, in Clover Hill to Paul Daniel Bailey, Sr. and Bennie Lou (Willingham) Bailey.

Doyle Ray was a lifelong resident of Wood County. He was a proud United States Army Veteran. In 1958, he married Paula Kathleen (Lee) Bailey, and together they shared over 60 years of marriage until her passing in 2019.

He was a man of strong and steady faith and was a longtime member and deacon of Forest Hill Baptist Church. Doyle co-owned and operated Reed and Bailey Texaco in Quitman for many years, where he became a familiar and friendly face in the community. Even after retiring in the early 2000's and selling the station, he continued working there and enjoyed his morning visits with the "coffee and crackers crew."

In addition to his work at the station, Doyle was a longtime Charolais cattle farmer. He valued hard work and time spent with those he cared about. Above all, Doyle Ray cherished his role as "Granddaddy," a title he wore with pride. The hole left by his absence will be an impossible one to fill.

Doyle Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Daniel Bailey Sr. and Bennie Lou Bailey; wife, Paula Kathleen Bailey; brother, Paul Daniel Bailey Jr.; and granddaughter, Bethany Bailey.

He is survived by his two sons, David Bailey of Quitman; Jeff Bailey and wife Jennifer of Quitman; brother, Joe Henry Bailey and wife Sandra of Coke; grandchildren, Hannah Bailey, Rachel Bailey, Breanna Bailey, and John David Gibson and wife Jillian; 11 great-grandchildren, BaeLynn, Khale, Kynlee, Khade, Karter, Kolbie, Lilly, Landry, Liam, Remington, and Carter Blake; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.