

WE MET BROTHER CHARLES WHILE ATTENDING THE COWBOY CHURCH, BUT IT FELT LIKE WE HAD KNOWN EACH OTHER FOREVER. WE LEARNED WE HAD COMMON INTERESTS AND ENJOYED GOING TO LOCAL RODEOS AND RIDING HORSES. ONE OF OUR FRIENDS, MISS PAM, TOLD US ABOUT A 100-MILE TRAIL RIDE, WHICH SOUNDED INTERESTING. HOWEVER, WE WERE SKEPTICAL AT FIRST. AFTER ALL, WE WERE NOT SPRING CHICKENS! BUT THE MORE WE THOUGHT ABOUT IT, THE MORE FUN IT SOUNDED, AND WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE OUR LAST CHANCE FOR SUCH AN ADVENTURE. SO, WE PACKED UP AND HEADED TO JACKSBORO.

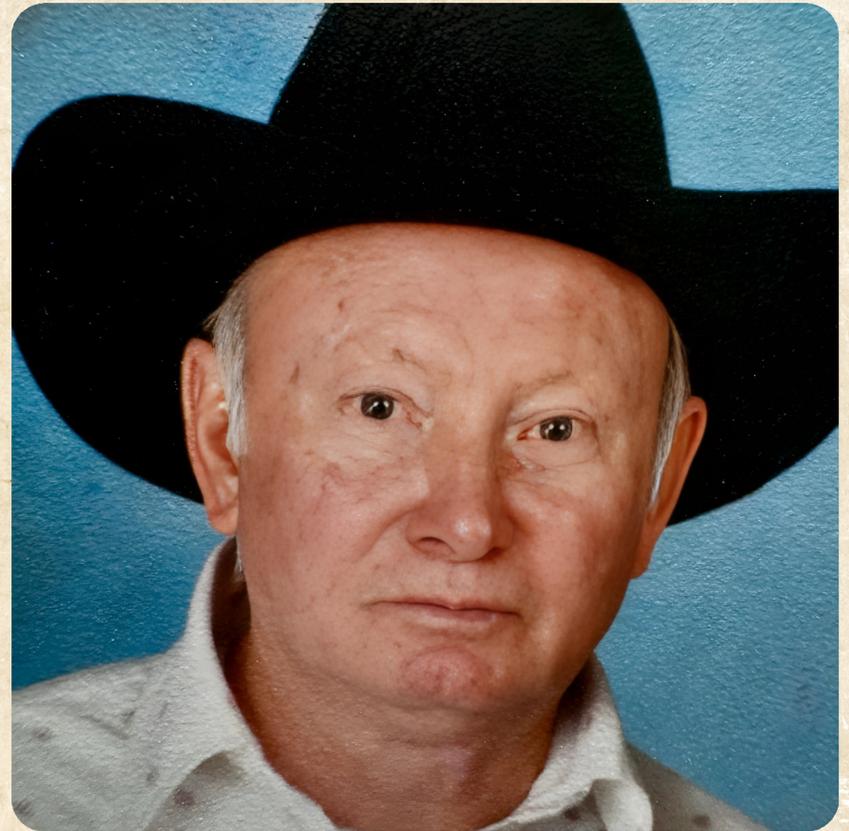
OUR TRAIL RIDE WOULD BEGIN EACH MORNING AT DAYLIGHT. WE SADDLED UP THE HORSES AND FOLLOWED THE WAGON TRAIN, TRAVELING 25 MILES PER DAY. EACH TOWN WE RODE THROUGH WOULD HOLD A PARADE AND LET US LEAD THE PROCESSION. ONE DAY, WE EVEN STOPPED AT A FAMOUS COUNTRY SINGER'S HOUSE AND HAD A BIG OLE SPREAD FOR LUNCH. DURING OUR TRAIL RIDE, WE WOULD STOP A FEW TIMES THROUGHOUT EACH DAY TO REST THE HORSES, SMELL THE FRESH AIR, AND ADMIRE THE SCENERY. WE DID

HAVE ONE LUXURY, THE PORTABLE SHOWER. AND IT SURE CAME IN HANDY ON THE TRAIL! WHEN WE REACHED FORT WORTH, WE WERE SAD THAT OUR JOURNEY WAS OVER. BUT WE WERE ABLE TO VISIT SOME OF THE MUSEUMS AND TOURED SOME OF THE LOCAL ATTRACTIONS.

WE ALSO ENJOYED DANCING AND THROUGH THE YEARS, OUR FAMILY, INCLUDING OUR GRANDDAUGHTERS, ENJOYED GOING TO COOPERTON ON SATURDAY EVENINGS WHERE WE WOULD MEET CHARLES AND HIS FAMILY. CHARLES WAS ALWAYS UP FOR A TWIRL AROUND THE DANCE FLOOR AND SOME GOOD LAUGHS. CHARLES WAS A TRUE FRIEND, ALWAYS AVAILABLE IF WE NEEDED ANYTHING. WE WERE BLESSED TO HAVE KNOWN HIM AND HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED!

~ TERESA GARRETT

In Loving Memory



CHARLES WESLEY
HUDDLESTON

1936 ~ 2025

COURAGE IS BEING SCARED TO DEATH
BUT SADDLING UP ANYWAY.

~ JOHN WAYNE

CHARLES WESLEY HUDDLESTON WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 10, 1936, IN ELMER, OKLAHOMA TO JOHN W. AND EDITH F. (RICHARDSON) HUDDLESTON. HE GREW UP IN THE AREA AND ALONG WITH HIS THREE SIBLINGS, CHARLES ATTENDED SOUTHSIDE SCHOOL AT HESS.

HE AND MELVENA JOANN BENNIGHT WERE UNITED IN MARRIAGE ON JUNE 27, 1957, AND TO THIS UNION FOUR CHILDREN WERE BORN, MELBA, CHARLES, KATHY, AND GAYLA. THE YOUNG COUPLE MADE THEIR HOME IN FRIENDSHIP, LATER RELOCATING TO ELMER AND SETTLING IN ALTUS IN 1966. THEY DIVORCED IN 1981 BUT REMAINED COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A STRUCTURED FAMILY LIFE FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

CHARLES WAS A TRUCK DRIVER BY TRADE, TRAVELING THE UNITED STATES FOR 23 YEARS BEFORE AN UNFORTUNATE BACK INJURY ENDED HIS CAREER IN 1982. WHEN HE WASN'T OUTDOORS RIDING HORSES OR HUNTING, YOU COULD FIND CHARLES WATCHING A GOOD WESTERN MOVIE AT HOME. HE GREATLY ENJOYED ATTENDING DANCES AT LOCAL SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS, VISITING WITH FRIENDS AND LISTENING TO BANDS. TIME WITH HIS CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, AND FAMILY WAS GREATLY CHERISHED. CHARLES PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME IN ALTUS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025, AT THE AGE OF 88.

HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS, JOHN AND EDITH; EX-WIFE, MELVENA; SIBLINGS, BOBBY DALE, DONALD LEE, RUTH MOORE, AND FLORA MAE WILSON AND HER HUSBAND, JOHNNY; SON-IN-LAW, RANDY YOCHAM; NIECES, CONNIE WILSON AND NIKKI HUDDLESTON.

HIS MEMORY WILL LIVE ON IN HIS SURVIVING CHILDREN, MELBA CROWELL AND HUSBAND, TIM, CHARLES M. HUDDLESTON AND WIFE, RACHELLE, KATHY ANDERSON AND HUSBAND, CRAIG, AND GAYLA YOCHAM; NINE GRANDCHILDREN; AND NUMEROUS GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS, OTHER RELATIVES, AND FRIENDS.

In Loving Memory Of
CHARLES WESLEY
HUDDLESTON

Funeral Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025 @ 2:00 PM
KINCANNON MEMORIAL CHAPEL
ALTUS, OKLAHOMA

Interment

VICTORY CEMETERY
WEST OF ALTUS
JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Officiant

BROTHER JOEL MCCOY

Casket Bearers

AARON CLOPTON
DARIO PEWETT
JACOB MCDOWELL

BRANDON YOCHAM
ELVIS YOCHAM
LARRY PHILLIPS