



Mr. Earnum Rinkle

November 29, 1937 - August 14, 2022

Funeral service for Mr. Earnum Rinkle, Jr., 84, of Tatum, Texas will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Robert Ortigo officiating. Burial will follow in the Deadwood Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 6:00 -8:00 p.m. Wednesday evening at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Mr. Earnum Rinkle, Jr. was born on Monday, November 29, 1937, in Deadwood, Texas. He passed this life peacefully on Sunday, August 14, 2022, at his Tatum, Texas home. Earnum was the middle of three sons born to the marriage of Earnum Basil and Emmie Irene Baker Rinkle. He was raised and schooled in Deadwood graduating Carthage High School with the class of 1956 where he was voted the fun classmate. He was a 1958 graduate of Panola Junior College.

Mr. Rinkle worked in the grocery business. His father was a grocer, his father passed away when Earnum was 25. Earnum took over his family grocery store locations and ran it to support his mother and family. He owned many businesses from a washateria, car wash, motel, and others.

He loved fishing, and in his retirement, he enjoyed it often, spending time teasing family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother, Hugh Rinkle; son, Carl Rinkle; his dearest friend, Herman Soape.

Mr. Rinkle is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Rinkle of Tatum; children, Teresa Reaves, and husband Russell of Lake Cherokee; Tommy Rinkle and wife Jan of Tenaha; stepchildren, Cyndy Beggs and husband Chad of

Beckville, Jimmy Kelley, and wife Kelly of Tatum; brother, Don Rinkle and wife Sandra of Deadwood; sister-in-law, Shirley Rinkle of Shreveport; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews; his fishing partner of 35 years, Jim McCann; and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Darrell Barnett, Randy Ortigo, Jimmy Brown, David Soape, Keith Hennigan, and Paul Rinkle, Honorary pallbearer will be Jim McCann.

Cemetery Details

Deadwood Cemetery

Deadwood, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Funeral Service

AUG 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Tribute Wall

CR

“*Earnum was my friend first and customer second. I loved calling on him cause he would brighten the day with humor and observations. He told me about a church bus heading to Graceland. It wrecked. Nobody died but they were all shook up.*

carl roach - August 11, 2025 at 03:03 PM



“*Earnum spent many Friday nights at our house playing dominoes when I was growing up. He was always funny and engaging. He could even talk to a couple of young girls, like me and my sister, and make us laugh until we couldn't anymore. It was a pleasure to know him. May the Lord wrap you in His loving arms as you deal with the painful separation. And may you find joy and comfort in knowing that he brought a lot of happiness to many people while he was with us here.*

Kim Jones Holcomb

Kim Jones Holcomb - August 18, 2022 at 10:49 AM

TR

I am his daughter, and have witnessed MANY nights of dominoes. Thanks for sharing your memory.

Teresa Reaves - August 19, 2022 at 05:07 PM

MB

“*Never had the pleasure of meeting Earnum, but I've heard nothing but great things about him. I know he must have been a really good Dad because he did wonderful job raising Teresa. Linda & I are thinking of you and your family and pray that you find peace during this difficult time. Mike Buchanan*

Mike Buchanan - August 18, 2022 at 10:11 AM

TR

Thank you. Love you and Linda.

Teresa Reaves - August 19, 2022 at 05:02 PM

JG

“*Earnum was one of my best friends during what I call Deadwood Days. He and his brother Hugh along with a host of other boys were at our house almost every Sunday to play football. He had a tremendous sense of humor and loyalty. We did a lot of hitchhiking and later we worked together at J.B. Beard's in Shreveport and lived in the same boarding house. To his family I send my deepest condolences and sympathies. I'll miss you Earnum. Joe Ben*

Joe Ben La Grone - August 18, 2022 at 07:03 AM

TR

Oh the stories you must have! I'll bet you were with him the time he decided to cut through the woods to get home, instead of going the extra distance to stay in the road. He told he was lost for hours. We've heard the story many times. I know those childhood days in Deadwood were priceless. Thanks for sharing.

Teresa Reaves - August 18, 2022 at 09:47 AM

GD

“ Earnum was a distant cousin of mine. I spent a lot of time with him when we were kids living at Deadwood, just walking the roads and trying to stay out of trouble. Earnum was the best shot with a slingshot that I have ever seen. From flying wild life to tin cans and mailboxes, if he could see it, he could hit it. Later in high school, Earnum was a fierce defensive football player. He played inside linebacker and took great pride in laying the wood on much larger running backs. He was also an avid fisherman. I have out fished him a couple of times using his gear and his tackle box. It was hard for him to accept it. I was just lucky and had the time to visit with him as we fished. We haven't been close in recent years, but we still had the memories. I will miss him and will feel the loss just knowing that Earnum is not around anymore. My deepest sympathies to his family.

Noble Dickerson

Gene Dickerson - August 17, 2022 at 03:48 PM

TR

I'm so glad to hear that he was I deed a good shot with the slingshot! Of course he had told us that he was "pretty good", but we didn't know the rea meaning of that. I am his daughter, and I love hearing stories from his childhood friends. Thanks so much for sharing.

Teresa Reaves - August 19, 2022 at 05:05 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnum Rinkle.



August 17, 2022 at 01:30 PM



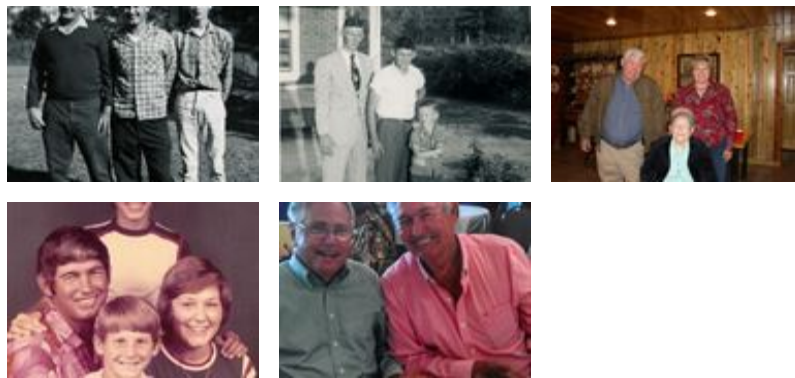
“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnum Rinkle.*



August 16, 2022 at 10:12 PM



“ *111 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hawthorn Funeral Home - August 16, 2022 at 03:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnum Rinkle.*



August 16, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnum Rinkle.*



August 16, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *I enjoyed fishing tournaments against Earnum and Tommy back in the day.
He was the best!!*

James (Big E) Elliott

JAMES ELLIOTT - August 16, 2022 at 09:55 AM



I'm his daughter and I agree, he was the best! Thank you.

Teresa Reaves - August 19, 2022 at 05:12 PM



“ *I am so sorry. He was our photographer at the Baker Family Reunion and will be missed.*



Zoe Yount Conway - August 16, 2022 at 09:44 AM



Don (the photographer) is Earnum's younger brother. Earnum owned the grocery store in Tatum.

Teresa Reaves - August 19, 2022 at 05:09 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnum Rinkle.*



August 16, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ *We are sorry for your loss.*
Ike and Christine Reeves

Ike Reeves - August 16, 2022 at 08:15 AM



Thank you.

Teresa Reaves - August 19, 2022 at 05:11 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnum Rinkle.*



August 16, 2022 at 07:55 AM



“ *Love, Wayne & Teresa Hall purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Mr. Earnum Rinkle.*



Love, Wayne & Teresa Hall - August 16, 2022 at 02:01 AM

RA

“ Rick and Kay Armour purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Earnum Rinkle.



Rick and Kay Armour - August 15, 2022 at 05:48 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnum Rinkle.



August 15, 2022 at 04:26 PM

EH

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. I remember only good times while working for him. My heart breaks for each of you. Never easy letting go. We have to realize they are in a much better place. We are left with cherished memories and a promise of seeing them again.

*All my love and prayers
Emma Kelley Hardy*

emma hardy - August 15, 2022 at 02:30 PM

TR

Hi Emma. We remember you fondly as well. Thanks for sharing your love and prayers.

Teresa Reaves - August 19, 2022 at 05:10 PM