



Mr. Ira "Buddy" LaGrone

October 20, 1940 - September 21, 2015

Funeral services for Mr. Ira Harlan "Buddy" LaGrone, 74, of Carthage, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 24, 2015 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Wade Floyd officiating. Burial will follow in the Deadwood Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be Wednesday evening from 6-8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. LaGrone passed away September 21, 2015 in Marshall, Texas.

Mr. Ira Harlan LaGrone was born October 20, 1940 in Carthage, Texas. He was one of three children born to Ira Calvin and Ludie Mae Wilkerson LaGrone. Buddy was raised and schooled in Panola County and graduated with the Carthage ISD class of 1959. He married Muriel Jean Witty on June 21, 1980, and together they celebrated 24 years until she preceded him in death on February 5, 2005. Ira worked for SPL (Southern Petroleum Laboratories) for 47 years, was a lifelong member of the Deadwood UMC and loved to cook, play golf, and hunt and fish with his family and friends. He was an avid Texas A&M and Carthage Bulldog football fan. Mr. LaGrone is also preceded in death by his parents; sister, Minnie Ruth Wise; and brother-in-law, Kenneth Whiddon.

Buddy is survived by his wife, Vonda Odell LaGrone of Carthage; daughters, Annette Rawson and husband Bob of Hallsville, Karen Gasper and husband Bennie of Elysian Fields, Tracy Shoults and husband Robbie of Marshall; step-children, Chris Ricks of Ft. Worth, Dustin Burns of Carthage, Spring Tarjick and husband Tyler of Carthage and Rusty Shnaper of Carthage, sister,

Retha Whiddon of Deadwood; brother-in-law, David Wise of Longview, grandchildren, Ryan Rawson and wife Ashley of Pflugerville, Rebecca Rawson of Hallsville, Samantha McDonald of College Station, Shae McDonald of Marshall, Kacee Gasper of Elysian Fields, Sadie Mae McDonald of Marshall; step-grandson, Tristan Tarjick and special friend Jack Parker of Carthage. Numerous nieces, nephew he loved other relatives and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Winston Whiddon, Calvin Whiddon, Nathan Wise, Jerry Coxen, David Stacy, Ryan Rawson, Shae McDonald and Hunter Shoults. Honorary pallbearers will be Jack Parker, Sr., Jack Parker, Jr., Dan Parker, Christopher Brown, Mark Brown, Kelly McCallum, and the SPL employees.

If desired, the family requests donations be made in Mr. LaGrone's name to the Deadwood Cemetery or the Deadwood UMC Building Fund.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.hawthornfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your daddy.
Always,
Tim and Carolyn Harrigan

Carolyn Harrigan - November 30, 2015 at 11:01 PM

KW

“ Kevin Waldrop lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Ira "Buddy" LaGrone



Kevin Waldrop - September 24, 2015 at 05:56 PM

JD

“ John & Ann Droptini lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Ira "Buddy" LaGrone



John & Ann Droptini - September 24, 2015 at 09:06 AM

CA

“ Chris Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira
"Buddy" LaGrone



chris adams - September 23, 2015 at 10:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Ira "Buddy" LaGrone.



September 23, 2015 at 05:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Ira "Buddy" LaGrone.



September 23, 2015 at 04:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mr. Ira "Buddy" LaGrone.



September 23, 2015 at 03:40 PM



“ 61 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - September 23, 2015 at 12:41 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Ira "Buddy" LaGrone.



September 23, 2015 at 11:15 AM



“ Laurie & David Stacy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira "Buddy" LaGrone



Laurie & David Stacy - September 23, 2015 at 11:11 AM

TM

“ *Three Oaks Mine purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. Ira "Buddy" LaGrone.*



Three Oaks Mine - September 23, 2015 at 10:53 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Ira "Buddy" LaGrone.*



September 23, 2015 at 10:21 AM

JB

“ *Rest in Peace. Ira will be missed by the members of the class of 1959. He was a special guy.*

Jimmy Bush

Jimmy Bush - September 23, 2015 at 06:06 AM



“ *So many laughs and good memories of uncle Buddy. Christmas was always such a fun time with him. My heart goes out to Karen, Annette, and Tracy. My deepest sympathy is with you. Know that I love and care about you all so much.*

Carol Brightwell - September 22, 2015 at 12:32 PM

CH

“ *Ira, was the best. Loved playing golf with him and hearing his stories. He made the world a better place. Rest in peace.*

Carl Hofmeister

carl hofmeister - September 22, 2015 at 10:39 AM

AT

“ *Ira was a good friend. He will greatly missed. Our prayers and comfort be with you.*

*God Bless,
Amon Turner*

Amon Turner - September 22, 2015 at 10:09 AM

CB

“ *My heart goes out to the family of mr. buddy. May the Lord send comfort.....*

Cindy Bell

cindy bell - September 22, 2015 at 02:14 AM

CA

“ *Annette,Karen,Tracy,Muriel my heart is breaking for you all,Buddy Ira was one of the finest men Ive ever known.There are no words to ease your pain so I won't try.Just know my girls and I love you and tonite Buddy is dancing in the sky.I love you all....Charlotte Addington*

charlotte addington - September 21, 2015 at 07:30 PM



“ He taught me to "field a grounder!" 1950, in Deadwood, Texas.----
Carroll Sistrunk

carroll sistrunk - September 21, 2015 at 05:43 PM