



Mr. Jack Weldon Ditmore Jr.

December 9, 1942 - December 15, 2025

Funeral services for Mr. Jack Weldon Ditmore, Jr. will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 20, 2025 at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church with Rev. Kevin Moore officiating. A reception will follow in the

Fellowship Hall. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Jack Weldon was born December 9, 1942 in Shreveport, Louisiana. He passed this life peacefully in Texarkana, Texas December 15, 2025. He was the older of two sons born to the marriage of Mary Frances Lawless and Jack Weldon Ditmore, Sr. He began school in Bethany and completed high school in Elysian Fields excelling in all sports and graduating with the Yellow Jacket class of 1961. He received a baseball scholarship to Panola College and also attended Stephen F. Austin University.

He spent his career as a computer operator in Dallas and Shreveport. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan and for many years had a side job running the scoreboard at Texas Stadium during Cowboys home games. The Cowboys organization paid him, but he often said he would have done it for free. After retiring from the computer industry in Dallas, Jack Weldon returned home to East Texas and helped with his cousin Gary Kelley's cattle business. He loved time hunting, fishing, playing pool, going to EF football games and, of course, watching Cowboys games. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Kenneth Wayne Ditmore, and Jack's wife Kay Whitehorn.

Mr. Ditmore is survived by his loving daughters, Laura Lynn Ditmore of DeBerry, Rebecca Ann (Becky) Mayfield and husband Chris of Wills Point, TX, Mary Caroline (Carrie) Gill of Waskom; grandchildren, Mitchell Whaley Mayfield and wife Abby of Lindale, Matthew Jack Mayfield of Wills Point, Christopher Ross Gill of Waskom, John Samuel Gill of San Antonio, Thomas Luke Gill of Waskom; great grandson Issac Mitchell Mayfield of Lindale and nephew, Michael Ditmore of Waskom; his aunt Gloria Creel and uncle Jimmy Lawless, who, because they were close in age, were more like his sister and brother AND many, many cousins.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be, Jimmy Lawless, Cliff Lawless, Tommy Kelley, Gary Kelley, Alan Kelley, Rickey Lawless, Tim Rogers and Chris Mayfield.

The family would like to thank Macie, Joy and Tori of Gentiva Hospice for the care you gave our dad in his final days.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Mt. Zion Cemetery Association and/or Mt. Zion Methodist Church would be appreciated.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
1174 CR 328/P.O. Box 274
Panola, TX

Tribute Wall



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“ Jack became my uncle when he married my Aunt Kay. I was a young girl, and saw that he had a "cranky" personality. We got along fine once I learned to respond back to him the same way. I moved in with Jack and Kay for a short time to get back on my feet. Years later, I got a chance to work side by side with him in our family business. I was able to see the man he was at home, and at work. He had a good work ethic, loved sports, deer hunting and even a little horse racing. We took some family vacations together, and he attended my son's football games. (He also enjoyed his "alone" time in front of the TV). He was the only uncle I had a close relationship with, and I have missed him since he returned back to East Texas. We would call him to stay in touch, and my grown son would even sing to him (which Jack would laugh at). Thank you Jack, for what you gave to me and my family....the memories, the jokes and the laughter. Love, Stacy

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