



Mr. Sam Rayford Dillard

March 21, 1935 - July 15, 2023

Graveside funeral service for Mr. Sam Dillard, 88 of Carthage, will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., at the Clayton Cemetery with Rev. Dale Walker officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Mr. Sam Raford Dillard was born on March 21, 1935, on the hill in the Dotson Community in Panola County, Texas. He passed away on July 15, 2023, in Longview.

He was born to the marriage of Sam Rayford Dillard Sr, and Blanche Lois Dillard. He was raised in Carthage schools and never missed a day for all 12 years. He faithfully served his country through the United States Army. He married Sheila Ann Slessman on April 3, 1965, and were married for 56 years before she preceded him in death in 2021.

He adored his friends and family and he never met a stranger. He was a friend to all.

He is survived by a special friend, whom he considered a daughter, Cee Cee Brinkman and husband Joey, Lindsey Ward, dear friends Nole and Andy, and his two favorite home health nurses, Dana and Susan and his special caregiver Melisa..

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Longview Regional Medical Center for the wonderful care they gave to Mr. Dillard.

An online guest book can be signed at www.hawthornfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Clayton Cemetery

158 CR 1521
Clayton, TX

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *The CHS Class of 1953 just had our 70 th reunion and Sam was there. I am so glad we could be together for that happy time with Sam.*

Jane Crump Bogue - July 18, 2023 at 09:49 AM

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“ *I was blessed to have known you and blessed that You treated me like family. RIP I miss you so much already*

Melisa - July 17, 2023 at 03:30 PM