



Joe Dwayne Willey

April 6, 1950 - May 30, 2024

Joe was born on April 6, 1950 in Dalhart to Johnny and Jane Willey. He was raised in Stratford, where he graduated from Stratford High School. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he was stationed in Ethiopia during the Vietnam War. He served at the Walter Reed Hospital, where he made artificial limbs and braces. Upon his discharge, he attended Panhandle State University, where he received his Bachelors of Science in 1987 before attending Wayland Baptist University, where he received his Master's Degree of Science in 1992. He attended several other universities, as he was passionate about education and his greatest enjoyments were learning and teaching others.

Joe simultaneously ran his own business, a boot and saddle shop, drove a school bus, helped to run the family farm, and raised his 4 children with their mother while obtaining his Bachelor and Master's Degree in 5 years' time. He taught in McClave, CO, Plainview, Floydada, Tulia and eventually retired from Haltom High School. Upon retirement, he worked at the Ranger's stadium and was an avid fan and attended as many games as possible as well as toured many stadiums all over the U.S.

He was a storm chaser and introduced his children and grandchildren to his passion about weather. When people say they spoke with him about the weather, they were speaking of a detailed, interesting, in-depth conversation,

as it was not just small talk for him. Joe was giving and generous to others. He bicycled for the Diabetes foundation, donated blood as often as he could, and volunteered at the V.A., always giving compassion, friendship and respect to his fellow veterans. He was also an organ donor following his death. He received the Michael Jordan grant, using it to educate students about agriculture in the Texas Panhandle.

Joe is survived by 2 daughters, Christie Willey Chadwick and husband Billy and their children, Cali and Cy and Katherine Willey Nusz and husband, Daniel and their son, Matthew; 2 sons, Travis Willey and wife Lindie and their children, Wesley and Tyler and Joshua Willey and wife Amber and 3 sisters, Judy Willey Williams, Janetta Willey Britten and Janice Willey Brown.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Wesley Willey.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Services

JUN 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Happy State Bank Meeting Room
100 N. Main
Stratford, TX 79084

Tribute Wall

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“ He taught one of my classes at Haltom High school and was one of the kindest people I have ever known. He was always upbeat and had a positive energy. Another thing he was very proud of was his chili, he would make it for the chili cook off every year and allow some of his students that earned it to try it as well. I was very fortunate to have him as a teacher and get to know him.

Tanner - June 13, 2024 at 02:20 AM

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“ He was my teacher over at Haltom High School. He was a wonderful teacher and was so very kind to all of his students. He would keep in touch periodically on Facebook. Life will certainly be more different without him in it. He will be dearly missed. Truly a blessing to anyone who's ever had him as a teacher!

Don G. LPN - June 05, 2024 at 10:52 PM

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“ Joe taught at Caprock Counties Learning Center in Floydada for several years as a Science teacher. He was an outstanding teacher, who was creative in his teaching. I never knew if I would find him outside with his students hitting golf balls, flying kites, or shooting bottle rockets. He loved teaching students, and he loved his students. Such a great sense of humor! I will miss him.
Brenda Parker, CCLC principal

Brenda Parker - June 05, 2024 at 12:57 PM