



Horice Freeman

December 10, 1916 - April 11, 2009

Funeral services for Horice Edward Freeman, 92, of Hagerman will be held Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 10 am at the Hagerman Community Center, with Vista Care Hospice Chaplain Cecil Kimberlin officiating. Horice passed away on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at his home. After cremation, burial will follow at a later date. Viewing will be held on Sunday, April 12, 2009 at 4-8 pm and Monday, April 13, 2009 from 8 am – 8 pm at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home. Horice was born December 10, 1916 to Jacob and Martha Freeman, in Mansville, TX. He grew up around the Wilmuth, TX area, later moving to House, NM, where he met and married I.V. Raper on May 2, 1937. They were married for 68 years and of that marriage two children were born, Jodell and Orville. The family moved to Hagerman, NM in 1947. Horice bought into a partnership with Earnest Hambright in a blacksmith and welding shop. In 1948 he bought out Mr. Hambrights interest in the partnership and formed Freeman Blacksmith and Welding. He remained in business for the next 33 years. I.V. worked by his side every day keeping the books and visiting with customers so he could do the work that needed to be done. She always said he retired from the shop and moved it into her back yard. Horice spent his 92 years surrounded by loved ones who have worshiped him. He lived life to the fullest. He had many close friends who were good hunting and fishing buddies, many who have gone on before him. He is survived by his son Orville Freeman, of

Hagerman and his daughter, Jodell (Bob) Davis of Roswell, four granddaughters; Robbie (Jim) Higgins, of Roswell, Lisa (Donnie) Garthwaite of Artesia, Tracey (Mark) Lovas and Tricia (Keith) Ervin, of Hagerman, nine great-grandchildren; B.J. (Terry) Tinker, Augusta, W. VA, Jamie (Christina) Higgins, of Roswell, Dusty Higgins of Midland, TX, Clayton Garthwaite, of Amarillo, TX, Ryleigh (Lee) Garthwaite-Hummel, of Artesia, Thad, Lexi, Kami & Amanda Mason, all of Hagerman, Gunner Wascom and Jayci Ervin of Hagerman, Onnie and Allyson Ervin of Magnolia, TX, six great-greatgrandchildren; Bran Ray and Chaley Tinker, Taylor and Nathanael Higgins and Taylen and Cassidy Rodriguez, one nephew; C.B. (Bud) Freeman of Duncan, OK, and one niece; Thelma Dodson of Edgewood, NM. Horice was preceded in death by his beloved wife I.V., two brothers; Sam and Hardy Freeman, one sister; Lily Belle Freeman, one great-great-grandson; Rode' Owen Tinker and a special friend Dale Hudson. Pallbearers will be Jamie and Dusty Higgins, Clayton Garthwaite, Ryleigh Hummel, Thad and Lexi Mason and Gunner Wascom. Honorary Pallbearers will be Roy Miles, Thurman Mayberry, Gordon "Tuffy" Sanders, Clarence Harshey, Barney Green, Jim Pilley, Mark Lovas, Keith Ervin, Jim Higgins, Donnie Garthwaite and Members of the Hagerman Lions Club. Visitation with the family will be at Robbie's on Sunday, April 12, 2009 and at Tracey's in Hagerman on Monday, April 13, 2009. The family would like to thank the staff at Vista Care Hospice for taking care of their loved one. Please share your thoughts and memories with the family in the online register book at andersonbethany.com Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home & Crematory

Tribute Wall



“ *Horice Freeman*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *we are so sorry for your loss our prayers are with you*

CHRIS GRAHAM - May 07, 2009 at 07:08 PM



“ *Jodel and Family, I was saddened to hear of the death of your dad. The square dance world has lost a great dancer and friend.*

Mike Seurer - April 29, 2009 at 12:11 PM



“ *jodell and family-my sympathies on the loss of your precious Daddy. It is so hard to lose a loved on, especially a daddy. But now he is with his beloved IV, whom I also remember well.*

Susan Walker - April 25, 2009 at 11:04 AM



“ *Hi Jodell & Orville
So sorry to hear about your dad. He was a very special man. Your family has always been special to me. We are thinking about you in your loss. Love Charlie & Carolyn*

Charlie & Carolyn Woolf - April 24, 2009 at 07:50 PM

TC

“ We send our love and sympathy to the Freeman family. Horice was a very special friend to so many. We treasure the memories of the square dances and good times that we had with him. May God comfort you. We send our yellow rocks. Ted and Lois Clements

Ted and Lois Clements - April 20, 2009 at 12:23 PM

GS

“ Dearest Family of Horice, May God wrap his arms around all of you in this difficult time. We have many great memories of Horice and Ivi. Years ago after Chaves County Achievement Day Horice's shop was always available helping us with any problems to get everything back to Roswell. He was always so welcoming and so ready to visit when we saw him. Keep those wonderful memories. We love you all and send our condolences.

Glenda and Gene Smith - April 18, 2009 at 02:43 PM

HK

“ I'm very sorry that Papa is gone although I know he's now in heaven taking care of and loving on everyone there! I was so fortunate to be accepted into the family as if I were one of ya'lls own so many years ago. And with that Papa always smiled and loved on me anytime I'd see him. He always had a big smile and a "hey gal" to offer me. He's one of the sweetest men I've ever meet, and I feel blessed to have been a part of his family. I hope ya'll find comfort in knowing what a wonderful man he was and seeing all the people and things he touched in his 92 years here.

Hannah Kennon - April 15, 2009 at 11:01 AM

DP

“ Dear Jodell, We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad...We just loved both of your parents. You are in our prayers. Love Dick and Betty

Dick & Betty Parrish - April 15, 2009 at 09:31 AM

TL

“ Jodell, Robbie and family, I was sad to hear of your loss. I miss Mr. Freeman's smile and "Hello, sis" when he'd come in to see me. It is a great blessing to get to know someone so genuine and sweet.

Toni Lynch - April 14, 2009 at 01:58 PM

JB

“ Jesus said there are many mansions in his house and now Horice is living with Jesus. Someday, we will all be reunited. Condolences to all the family and may God send comforting angels to ease your pain.

Jerry & Dena Brown - April 14, 2009 at 10:50 AM

DR

“ My prayers are with the family and friends during this time. Papa will be dearly missed but I know God has him in his arms. We will have a void but just remember he was loved by all. God bless each one at this time.

Duanita Rich - April 13, 2009 at 06:13 PM

CO

“ I just wanted the family know how much I love PaPa. One of the sweetest men I know. I am so blessed to have been able to spend time with him and to hear such wonderful stories that I will forever hold deep and close to my heart. How he would tell me he prayed for my heart to be at ease. I will miss him dearly, but knowing he is caring for all those who went ahead of him my heart is at ease. I thank you PaPa for that and all you gave me through words and prayers. You were my angel here now your angel from above. I love you, all my family! My thoughts and prayers are with you. Thank you for allowing me to be apart of this wonderful mans life I am so blessed and grateful. God Bless you all. Cathy

cathy overton - April 13, 2009 at 05:27 PM