



Urban S. Waggoner

March 24, 1918 - November 20, 2013

Urban S. Waggoner passed from this life to the next on November 20, 2013. Urban was a lifelong farmer in the East Grand Plains area of the Pecos Valley. His parents, Benjamin Franklin Waggoner and Lenore Waggoner, were field workers in Oklahoma where Urban was born in 1918. They left Oklahoma in a covered wagon, settling in Roswell when Urban was 4 years old. Life was not easy in those days. They lived in a wooden shack, using old newspaper to fill cracks in the walls to keep the blowing dirt out. As Urban described it, "The poor people called us poor".

The Waggoner children worked with their parents in the apple orchards and cotton fields. At age 18, Urban moved out and hired on for a local farmer as a field hand, living in a tent at the edge of a cotton field. At age 23 he married Wanda Eberhart, and they moved into a small shack on the farm, nailing orange crates on the wall for cupboards. Urban and his wife worked long, hard hours in the fields. That hard work earned the respect of a farmer who loaned them the money to buy a small farm, which Urban repaid in record time. Urban was a successful farmer, and was highly respected for his honesty and integrity, his work ethic, and the fair manner in which he treated everyone, especially his field workers.

Urban's father was also a circuit preacher, traveling the area on horseback, buggy and Model T, baptizing converts in water tanks and the Pecos River. He

eventually established Shady Grove Baptist Church. Orban's mother played piano for the services, and Orban often said, "My mother was the most Christian person I've ever known".

Orban was an old-time, rugged man who believed the measure of a man was the willingness of that man to work hard to provide for his family. He took great pride in keeping a manicured yard, his gardens were the envy of his neighbors. He loved to tell jokes, and in his later years he enjoyed visiting with other 'old-timers' over a cup of coffee at the local donut shop or McDonalds.

Orban was preceded in death by his parents, all his brothers and sisters, as well as second son, Dorman Waggoner. He married Marlene Shannon in 1990 who survives him at the family home. He is survived by his children Larry Waggoner, Terry Waggoner, and Tamara Toon, stepchildren Kay Bennett, Dickie Crow, Susan Shaw, and Randolph Crow, as well as grandchildren Christopher Waggoner, Anita Shanklin, Rhiannon Toon, Todd Waggoner, Dorman Waggoner Jr., Michelle Hamby and other family members.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 30, 2013, at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to the Humane Society or a favorite charity.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life...will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8

Tribute Wall



“ *Orban S. Waggoner*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Orban. You will be dearly missed by your family and Aunt Marlene. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family.*
Joyce Crow Sizemore

Joyce Crow Sizemore - December 05, 2013 at 04:57 PM



“ *What a dedicated and hard working man, with values and an example of work ethics, which he passed on to his family and friends who new him. He will be missed by many, but never forgotten. Our prayers of sympathy and strength be with the family during this most difficult time. Sincerely, Cheryl & Tim Wafful*

Tim & Cheryl Wafful - December 02, 2013 at 12:14 PM



“ *We will miss your sweet smile, I will always remember him stopping to ask if I need help when I was mowing the grass, then when I answered yes, he would drive off telling me he would go see if he could find me some. Gerald says he hopes to meet him in a plowed field in the sky one of these days, Our prayers to the family.*
Gerald and Mary. Wiggins

Mary Wiggins - November 30, 2013 at 08:57 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, Gene Newman*

gene newman - November 28, 2013 at 03:20 PM

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“ *A wonderful friend. he will be missed. Lynn Graves*

Lynn Graves - November 26, 2013 at 02:18 PM