



Roy Bealer

March 5, 1925 - March 24, 2009

Roy C. "Dryke" Bealer, a life-long resident of Hagerman, passed away on Tuesday, March 24, 2009. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Mary E. Tulk on May 5, 1945. She preceded him in death on February 1, 1995. They had three children; Fronnie, Don and Doug.

Dryke's parents, Lewis T. and Lizzie Bealer, moved to the thriving farming and ranching community of Hagerman in 1923. They had six children; Verna, Ellis, Louis, Dryke, Clyde and Donald. Dryke is survived by his three brothers; Ellis, Clyde and Donald.

Dryke moved his young family to California after WWII started, where he worked in the naval shipyards. However, Dryke and Mary missed the wide open spaces of New Mexico and moved back to Hagerman to raise their children. He opened a grocery store and eventually a drugstore, which included a fountain. His businesses were gathering spots for the whole community. Several young people got their first jobs in the grocery store. The Bealer family was very involved in school and community activities.

Dryke enjoyed working with people and commuted to Roswell for years to work at Valley Mobile Homes, Papworth Furniture and Furniture Plus, but his heart was in Hagerman, he loved it dearly.

Dryke was "Papa" to Fronnie's children, Totie, Todd, and Tara and great-grandchildren Catherine, Merrick (Totie's), Ivan, Lars and Hana (Todd's). Also to Doug's children Jason and Chad and great-grandchildren Zachary, Kayetlyn, Xavier, Julian and Elijah (Jason's).

Mr. Bealer was a long time member of the Church of Christ. His current church home, where he had been attending for the last several years, was the Hermosa Street Church of Christ in Artesia, New Mexico.

A remembrance memorial will be held on Friday, April 3, 2009 at 11:00 am at the Hagerman Community Center.

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



“ Roy Bealer

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ Dear Fronnie and all the family, I don't even know what to say. Dryke was like a dad for me for a short period of time, but he was a lovely person and always cared about us. I was remembering my short time in Hagerman, back in 1996, lately and then I've found this and was the only way to get in touch back with you guys. My late condolences to all of you. Hope everybody's doing well. Hope see you guys once again. I'm living in New Zealand nowadays but my mom still in Brazil. Miss you! Fabricio (my new email is: reservasterraco@gmail.com in case you come to New Zealand please flick me a message).

Fabricio Santos - November 25, 2018 at 03:05 AM



“ Dear Fronnie and all the family, My heart goes out to you upon the death of Dryke, your father and grandfather. I remember his friendly face and happy greeting to everyone he saw. He had many friends and no enemies, which is only because he treated everyone with respect and love. Living in Hagerman for so many years, he became an important person there without ever acting like an important person. My love and regards to all of you. Ruth Brown Jacko 506 Oak Tree Ln. New Braunfels, TX 78130

Ruth Brown - April 12, 2009 at 01:00 PM

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“ *Doug, Fronnie, Donnie and Families*
My sympathy and love to all of you. Dryke and Mary were family friends for as long as I can remember. They were great friends of my Dad, Bill Huckabee and my mother, Peggy as they were all growing up in Hagerman. I remember our families spending fun times together when we were younger.
I was also one of those high school kids that worked in your Dad's drugstore - Dryke was a fair and fun employer!
I will remember both your Dad and your Mom with love and respect.
Debby

Debby Huckabee - April 01, 2009 at 03:48 PM

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“ *I remember Mr. Bealer from when I would go to my grandfathers. My grandfather owned the property where Valley Mobile Homes was located on second street in Roswell. He was one of the nicest men I have ever met and always was friendly and kind. Thank you Mr. Bealer for your caring life. You will be missed.*

Dr. Michael C. Lacer - April 01, 2009 at 02:02 PM