

William Forrest "Bill" Ligon

October 12, 1938 thru January 26, 2016 was his time here on Earth with us. He was always dedicated to hard work, truth, honesty, and pride with an overdose of stubbornness, yet such a heart full of love. A native Austinite, he was one of seven children, born at home at the top of Swede Hill to Myrtle and Barton "Buster" Ligon. After attending Austin High School through 1956, he married the love of his life, Jeanette, in 1957, and they shared 53 years of marriage. He immediately joined the National Guard then attended the Austin Police Academy in 1959. Starting the street beat as a uniformed police officer, he continued to climb the ranks and earn the respect of fellow officers throughout his 29 year career with APD. His many assignments included uniformed patrolman, Lake Austin boat patrol, vice, narcotics, motor patrol, theft and motorcycles, where he landed as Senior Sergeant until retiring in 1988. Despite retirement, he received a commendation from the Houston Police Department for a citizen arrest of an armed robber in 2002. His presence changed the outcome of what would have otherwise ended badly. He continued working as hard as he could for as long as he could until the very end.

Starting life in Austin, Bill decided to move his wife and 3 children to Driftwood in 1966 to raise his young family, where they were active members of the Driftwood Community Church. In 1977, he purchased property and built the first of now several homes in Dripping Springs, where he continued to reside alongside other family members on the family homestead. Other than his police work, life was spent with what he loved most: ranch work, cows, his tractor, and building homes we lived in. Of course a highlight was always enjoying each grandchild as they came, and extending that enjoyment with his great-grandchildren. Bill was preceded in death by his wife Jeanette, his parents Barton "Buster" and Myrtle Ligon, siblings Louis and wife Bea, Robert, Henry "Barton", Peggy Stolley and Wray Sullivan. He is survived by siblings Rosa Lee Prade, John Ligon (Don), Melinda Fathi (Farid), Wanda Ligon, Margie Ligon, and Lee Stolley, as well as his children Debbie Wilson (Pat), Lisa Elliott (Jay), and Billy Ligon (Melissa), his grand-children Desirae Kubala (Stephen), Brandon Wilson (Beth), Jacob Elliott, Jordan Elliott-Pierce (Jimmy), Logan Elliott, Lucas Elliott, Trevor Ligon, Kelley Laws (David), Chet Ligon, and great grandchildren Ethan, Avah, Haley, Gavin, Jayla, James, Ember, and Kennedy Jeanette, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and lastly his canine companions Sniffles and Buster.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Driftwood Methodist Church (FM150 in Driftwood) on Friday, February 5, 2016, at 2pm. We invite you to join the family for fellowship following the church memorial service in the Community Center behind the church. Private graveside service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Driftwood Methodist Church, Driftwood Community Center, or The Driftwood Cemetery.

"I'll tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who has sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life." John 5:24.