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Dan C. (Sonny) Mayfield born in Atascosa County on December 12, 1931; went to be with the Lord on October 4, 2018; at the age of 86. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years Shirley Mayfield, daughters Molly Buckelew, Dana Reando and son-in-law Ronnie Reando. Grandson, Stanton Buckelew. Great-grandchildren Brook Ashlee Buckelew, Blair Elizabeth Buckelew and Rylee Buckelew and other loving family members and friends.

Sonny loved ranching and did most of the work himself until his health no longer allowed him. It was at that time his close friends Carlos Guerra and Rocky Christian became his legs and helped him continue to do the work he loved. A well respected cattleman, Sonny learned at a young age how to check, feed and assess cattle from his father and other seasoned south Texas ranchers. He was adamant about the care of his cattle, checking them was a daily chore and the payoff was rewarded at auction. Many buyers would seek out his cattle because of the quality of beef on the hoof. He even received an award with trophy for top exotic Charalois in the San Angelo and San Saba market.

While attending Harlandale High School he participated in their vocational

program, he was employed by Shirley Brown's Corral Shop, located in the Joske's downtown store. There he learned the art and craft of custom saddlery. A renowned custom saddle maker he produced all the trophy saddles for the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo from 1950 to 1977, when he left The Corral Shop and became self-employed. His saddles could be spotted in movies, the tack rooms of many south Texas ranches and professional cowboys.

There wasn't a bronc that couldn't be broken, a steer that couldn't be roped and a herd of cattle that couldn't be penned. An excellent horseman in and outside of the arena, he was an accomplished tie down calf roper and team roper. Training horses for everything from rodeo competition, halter class competition to a ranch horse was the wide spectrum of his talents. He volunteered many hours to helping youth with their horse projects from the Texas Youth Rodeo Association, 4-H to the McCollum High School rodeo club, activities his daughter Dana and now son-in-law Ronnie participated. Anyone having a desire to learn about roping, riding horses or ranching he was willing to teach.

His vast expertise of ranching and "cowboying" will live on in those fortunate enough to have crossed his path and received the shared knowledge he acquired through life's lessons.

Pallbearers: Carlos Guerra, Rocky Christian, Stanton Buckelew, Tony Guerra, Christopher Guerra and Tony Capps. Honorary Pallbearers: Clifford Newman, Kenneth Hammonds, Jim Warnke, Kenny Wagoner, Greg Poth and Cirilo Arredondo.

The family would like to thank hospice nurses Kellien, Maria and Raquel for the excellent care and compassion.

Visitation will begin Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral service will be held on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment to follow at Mission Burial Park South.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
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Funeral Service

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Dan C. (Sonny) Mayfield .*



October 10, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family. I still have a saddle Sonny made my dad. Will always cherish the memories of him.*

Scotty McClaugherty and family.

Scotty McClaugherty - October 07, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dan C. (Sonny) Mayfield .*



October 07, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Dan C. (Sonny) Mayfield .*



October 07, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dan C. (Sonny) Mayfield .*



October 07, 2018 at 08:54 AM



“ *Shirley, Molly and Dana, how we love your family. “Sonny” was the finest Cowboy I have ever known. We would go to Joske’s not to shop but to see the saddles and most important to visit Sonny. He always had time for the Country Bumkins. I know you have arm loads of love and memories. Our Best Wishes To All. Willene, D C and Wayne Wishert.*

Elizabeth Willene Taylor - October 06, 2018 at 10:37 PM



“ *Sonny taught many a southside boy to be a cowboy and a good man !*

dick vettters - October 06, 2018 at 02:23 PM