



Edwin Lyles

October 5, 1928 - March 18, 2013

Edwin Braxton Lyles Jr.

Ed Lyles was born October 5, 1928 in Waco, Texas. He joined his parents Edwin Braxton Lyles Sr. and Margaret Elizabeth Lyles on March 18, 2013 in San Antonio, Texas. Ed graduated from Harlandale High School in 1947. After graduation, he began his career in the automotive industry at Goad Motor Company which later became Riata Cadillac. In 1949, he met the love of his life, the beautiful Sylvia Robbins, whom he married and loved for 63 years. They had two children Jimmy and Sharon who were the light of his life. In 1958, they moved to Devine, Texas to the family farm. He later became a life time Mason, Lodge #590, as well as a, Shriner. In 1969, Ed became the Fixed Operations Manager for Riata Cadillac. He was honored by Cadillac as the top Service Manager in the US for many years. He was a genuine lover of people and you couldn't get near him without a hand on the shoulder, hug, or pat on the back. He formed connections with the people that worked for him and his customers and gave a whole new meaning to the word service. In 1980, Riata Cadillac sold and Ed decided to remain with his friend and boss Frank Late and relocate to Mustang Chevrolet in San Angelo, Texas where again, his service department won top honors from Chevrolet. During those years, Ed & Sylvia travelled all over the world with their good friends and colleagues from General Motors. In 1991, at Frank's request, he relocated to Wichita, Kansas to be the Fleet Manager for Coca Cola of Wichita until he

retired in 1995. Ed loved to work and after his retirement, he went back to work at his daughter's car dealership West Wheels where they had the time of their life working side by side until 2010. Ed was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2006 and also diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 2009. Ed was a fighter, so with God in control and many, many prayers from friends and family; he regained his quality of life and became a 7 year survivor. The flood of cards, calls and messages received by the family attest to the regard in which he was held as a mentor, role model, colleague, and friend. Ed dearly loved his family and friends and loved greeting the members of the First Baptist Church every Sunday morning for many, many years. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife and rock-steady keeper Sylvia Lyles; Jimmy Braxton Lyles and wife Melissa, of Devine, Texas; Sharon Vaughn and husband Jeff of Houston, Texas; 3 grandchildren, Courtnee Shae Shanley and husband Charles Shanley of Houston, Texas; Matthew Braxton Lyles and wife Amanda of Jarrell, Texas; Sarah Allison Lyles of Dallas, Texas; three great-grandchildren his little cowboys Ethan Maxell Shanley; Patrick Robert Shanley of Houston and Connor Braxton Lyles of Jarrell; numerous brother and sister in laws, nieces and nephews. Loving thanks to the staff at Warm Springs Hospital in New Braunfels, Texas and Dr. George Mimari of San Antonio, Texas.

Visitation will begin on Friday, March 22, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral service will be celebrated on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South

For personal acknowledgement you may sign the guest book at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section.