



Raymond Edward Winans

June 4, 1923 - July 11, 2006

After a short battle, with lung cancer, Raymond Edward Winans, of Somerset, TX was welcomed into God's arms on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at the age of 83. Preceding him in death was his wife of 29 years, Peggy Ross Winans, whom he adored and so loved. His sister and brother-in-law, Janie and Preston McBee, also precedes him. Raymond was born in 1923 to Jacob and Mary Winans on the family farm. His parents were both from pioneering families that made their way to Atascosa County. He was told that as he was being born, the number 1 steam drilling rig was running right outside the house. In early times the family attended the Old Rock Baptist Church. Raymond was baptized in the Medina River at Garza's Crossing. He attended high school in Somerset and graduated from Somerset High School in 1941. In 1944 he joined the Army only to be discharged in 1945 after being wounded in Germany, from which he received the distinguished Purple Heart. He returned home to work in the oilfields until he landed a job at Kelly Field as an aircraft mechanic on R-2000 engines and eventually worked his way up to contract management. In the early 60's, through a mutual friend, he met his future wife, Peggy. After a lengthy courtship he finally convinced mom that he was "the one" and they married in 1970. Together they built their home in Somerset and continued to work at Kelly Field. Ray retired in 1984 Contract Management, Bldg 171 and shortly after, Mom did also. They remained in Somerset where he raised his cattle and farmed his land. She later opened her own craft shop in town. In their retirement years together they enjoyed

being involved in many community projects. He said that mom was always “volunteering” his services. We enjoyed his stories of his days growing up and life on the farm. He would always remind us of how thankful he was for being blessed with such a good life. And we loved the fact that he always referred to us as “his kids”. Ray believed in the Lord with all his heart and welcomed the journey for which he would embark on. He was a life long member of the Somerset Baptist Church. He is survived by his daughter, Becky Akers Reed, San Antonio and son, Mike Ross Donna, Spring Branch; brother, Andrew Winans, Somerset; grandchildren, Charlie and Shelley Ross, Misti and Dave Warnasch, Frank and Jackie Akers, May Akers, Jonathan and Natalie Jones, Joe and Angela Jones; 15 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of family and friends.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Raymond Edward Winans*

Jim Squires - July 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this time. Remember the good times and keep him in your hearts. He will truly be missed.*

Teter & Allen Schwarzkopf - July 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *I didn't work for Mr. Winans long, but in the short time I spent with him will always be memorable to me. He was a fine man who always spoke of his wife, Peggy and his daughter, Becky. I am happy to have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Winans and being ab*

Dora Leinweber - July 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Becky,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. We love you,
Frank, Jackie, & Becca Akers*

Jacqueline Akers - July 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *We will miss you. You and Andrew were like brothers to Joyce and I thank you for that. I will always remember the good times at Aunt Mary's. May God keep you in his hands always. Your Cousin, Myra*

Myra Newman Borchardt - July 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Mike & Becky,
So sorry to hear about Ray. My prayers are with you and your
family. God Bless.*

Joyce Hanzal - July 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Uncle Raymond; kind and loving Uncle; always there for me when I
needed him.
We'd go to visit Mom B and "the boy's" during summer vacation
growing up. Family reunion's under the oak tree's; trip's to the lake
and sking. Alot of good time's.
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Laura Copeland - July 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM