

RAY (BIG RAY) COOK

1933-2008

PARADISE: Ray "Big Ray" Cook, 74, of Paradise died Saturday, March 29, 2008, at home.

Big Ray was born in Harlingen to Marvin and Urvel Cook. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard and was a Mason. He married Patti Palmer Dec. 24, 1954, in Dallas. He retired from State Reserve Life Insurance Co. and was owner of Cook Printing.

He and Patti spent 45 years together until her passing on April 3, 2000, and had a reuniting in the early morning hours on Saturday, March 29, 2008. Others preceding him were his parents; brother, Bobby "Big Bobby" Cook Sr.; and sister, Dorothy Wilson.

Survivors include his sons, Ray Cook Jr. and wife, Judy of Paradise, Larry Cook and wife, Debbie of Paradise; daughter, Melody Cheves and husband, Scott of Bridgeport; grandchildren, Kristen and husband, Justin, Kameron and fiancée, Billy,

Monica, Trevor, Lauren and Kelsey; great-grandson, Hayden; brothers, Sam "Big Sam" Cook and wife, Linda of Paradise, Bill "Mr. Bill" Cook and wife, Carolyn of Cottondale; sisters, Lois Nedoit of Keeter and Betty Bush of Keeter; sister-in-law, Sondra Cook of Benbrook; nieces; nephews; cousins; a host of friends.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Monday, First Baptist Church in Paradise. Burial: Cottondale Cemetery.

Rev. Matt Edwards officiated, assisted by Robert Owensby.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Wilson, Mark Wilson, Marty Bush, Sam Cook, Jr., Bobby Cook, Jr., Kevin Cook, Sha Clayton, and Shawn Clayton.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or First Baptist Church in Paradise.

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