

C.L. "BIG WILLIE" WILLIAMS

1936-2011

BOYD: C.L. "Big Willie" Williams, 74, owner and operator of C.L. Williams Trucking Company died on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in Boyd.

C.L. was born on November 7, 1936, to Clint and Thelma (Haygood) Williams at home in Keeter, Texas. He married Frankie Ann Read on February 4, 1982, in Mineral Wells.

He was known as "Big Willie" by his trucking friends and "the Granddaddy of truck drivers" by others. C.L. spent 30 years hauling rock. He drove for Womack Trucking of Bridgeport, Bill Garland Trucking of Boyd and several other trucking companies out of Bridgeport. C.L. had 17 years of safe driving while being leased to Moore Transportation of Ft. Worth and won the Golden Medallion Award from the Sand and Gravel Motor Carriers Association, Inc. for excellence in the safe and professional operation of a commercial vehicle for 1989. He began his own business, C.L. Williams Trucking and sold it in 1990. After he retired he liked to reminisce about the good old days in the 60's and 70's of hauling rock. He said in the 80's it wasn't much fun anymore, too many new rules, regulations and a highway patrol



every mile. C.L. believed in the Lord and his truck was his church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother in law, Earl Reed.

Survivors include his wife and partner of 38 years, Frankie Ann Williams of Boyd; his daughters, Thesia Ann Crisp and husband, Henry Wayne of Decatur, Kerrie Lee VanHoose and husband, Billy Edward Martin of Bridgeport and Robin Ann Williams of Plano; his grandchildren, Kendell North, Cheryl Martin, Tanya Martin, Joe Lynn Andrews, Chance Crisp and Ethan Crisp; his great grandchildren, Avery, Aspen, Aiden, Brody, Chevelle, McKinsley, Shea and Garrett; his brother, Sammy Ray Williams and wife, Pam of Keeter; his sister, Sally Ruth Williams Reed of Boyd; other family members and a host of friends.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2011, at Christian-Hawkins Funeral Chapel with burial in Keeter Cemetery.

Chaplain Dan Bellar officiated. Pallbearers were his grandchildren, Kendell North, Cheryl Martin, Tanya Martin, Joe Lynn Andrews, Chance Crisp and Ethan Crisp. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Garland, Sammy Coker, Leroy Cook, Virgil Bolin, J.D. Erwin, Bill Kemp, Curtis Turk, Jr., Charles Cox, Donald Etter, Sammy Lee, Chat Williams, Carl Williams, Leon Coleman and Tommy Ernest.

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