LONNIE JOEL VANDERGRIFF

1949-2013

CHICO: Lonnie Joel Vandergriff, 64, a home builder and rock and brick mason, died Saturday, December 28, 2013 in Chico.

Lonnie was born on June 9, 1949 to Junior Lee and Azell (Morgan) Vandergriff in Fort Worth. He was united in marriage to Diana Weinheimer on December 31, 1994 in Decatur. Lonnie owned and operated Vandergriff Construction for 46 years. He was a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Chico Masonic Lodge, and Grapevine Masonic Lodge. Lonnie was an avid outdoorsman. In 2008 Lonnie and his wife Diana traveled to Africa for a hunting safari. For many years he was a fishing guide at Lake Ray Roberts. Lonnie held the title of Bass Angler of the Year 1991 and 1993.

He was preceded in death by his father, Junior Lee Vandergriff and his brother-in-law, Loyall Utter.

Survivors include his wife, Diana Vandergriff of Chico; his sons, Duane Vandergriff and wife, Leah of Hurst, Daniel Vandergriff and wife, Sandy of Tulsa, Oklahoma; his daughters, Amy Vasquez Jordan and fiancé, Jonathan Teich of Cresson, Texas, Katie Olson and husband, Adam of Alamogordo, New Mexico; his grandchildren, Dylan, Hannah, Dakota, and Brazos; his mother, Azell Vandergriff of Keller; his sisters, Barbara Youngblood and husband, Alan of Mena, Arkansas, Karen Utter of Fort Worth, Joan Vandergriff of Colleyville, and Debbie Long and husband, David of Azle; his aunt, Vernell Morgan Kanode and husband, Lenny of Keller; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

Memorial contributions can be made at First State Bank in Chico.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 2, 2014 at Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel in Bridgeport with burial in Olive Branch Cemetery.

Rev. J.J. Stevens, Rev. Tom Merritt, and Rev. Alan Youngblood officiated. Pallbearers included Johnny Burrell, Kyle Bilby, Jeff Bilby, Daniel Vandergriff, Scott Sherman, and Roy Stanley.

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