

Edwin A. "Eddie" Wood

October 15, 1922 - December 25, 2008

Eddie Wood of Wynnewood, Oklahoma was born to Enoch Alfred and Grace Ellen Wood in Tukumcari, New Mexico on October 15, 1922 and entered eternal life in Norman, OK on December 25, 2008 at the age of 86 years. Eddie spent a great deal of time on the family ranch located about 15 miles south of Tukumcari, near a town called Quay. The ranch was owned by his uncle who willed it to Eddie's father who in turn left it to Eddie. It was a really nice place right up against the caprock. Eddie operated a service station on the highway south of Tukumcari for a while and ran a band of brood mares on the ranch. He later sold the New Mexico properties and moved his horse operation to Amarillo, Texas. Eddie had attended auctioneering school at Western College of Auctioneering in Billings, Montana in 1958. He auctioned five cattle sales weekly in Amarillo and the panhandle towns of Tulia and Floydada. He gained valuable experience in his chosen skill while selling the weekly sales in the panhandle. It was in 1964 that he auctioned his first Texas longhorn. When the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America was formed in 1964, Eddie became Charter Member 110. In 1991 TLBAA recognized his enduring support by awarding him the Elmer Parker Award given to individuals who had devoted their lifetime to the preservation and promotion of the breed. Eddie sold the Ada, Oklahoma Regional Horse Sales for 20 years, the Clovis, New Mexico Regional Horse Sales for 20 years, and the Roswell, New Mexico Horse Sales

for 15 years in addition to many others.

When the Appaloosa Horse registry was formed, Eddie was one of the early members and served two terms on the ApHC board of directors. In the last half of the twentieth century he was the dominant auctioneer of the top tier of Appaloosa Horse sales. It was during one of these trips to Moscow, Idaho for an Appaloosa Horse Club board of directors meeting that he met Joyce. She owned a travel agency in Moscow and had a contract with the ApHC to handle their travel arrangements. They were married on July 25, 1982 in Moscow. Joyce was an Oklahoma native and raised on the family ranch near Guthrie, so it was nice for the couple to move back to Oklahoma. It had been through Eddie's connection with Appaloosa horses that he moved to Oklahoma. Elvin Blevins, a good friend, insisted that he move to the area in Garvin County. Years earlier Eddie was running a service station in Wichita Falls, Texas for Standard Oil Company. One of his mares bred to an Appaloosa stallion was at a friend's place ,and he called Eddie one morning and said that the mare had given birth to a big foal born on his pay day, and that is how the Pay Day Ranch name originated. Eddie and Joyce's ranch in Garvin County is the Pay Day Ranch.

Plaques, certificates, and other recognitions adorn the den walls at Pay Day Ranch, all tokens of the esteem conferred to Eddie and Joyce for the tremendous contributions they have made to a wide range of organizations. The TLBAA has also nominated him for inclusion in the Hall of Great Westerners at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. A large framed certificate from the Former Texas Rangers Museum commands a prominent spot in the collection, given in appreciation of a fund-raising auction at which Eddie officiated. There was a special day in 2000 when the Mayor of Houston declared February 26 "Colonel Eddie Wood Day" and then-Governor George W. Bush signed a proclamation naming Eddie an Honorary Texan. The history enshrined on the walls reflects Texas

Longhorn history entwined with the life work of Eddie Wood. Eddie was a collector of Western Memorabilia, including McChesney spurs for many years.

In addition to his principle vocation as livestock auctioneer, Eddie served as an announcer at rodeos and horse shows, as master of ceremonies at award banquets, and volunteer auctioneer at many benefit auctions for such diverse groups as the TLBBA, the TLBT youth, the National Football League and the National Ranching Heritage Center. During the nation's Sesquicentennial Celebration, Eddie was the Master of Ceremonies for the Oklahoma delegation at the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Eddie was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star and India Shrine and had received the 50 year Mason Service Award.

Eddie is survived by:

Wife – Joyce Wood of the home

2 Daughters – Linda Jean Bird of Clearwater, Kansas

Bobbi Jan Smith of St. Maries, Idaho

6 Grandchildren

Eddie is preceded in death by his parents, Enoch Alfred and Grace Ellen Wood; his brother, Richard Dale Wood; and his sister, Glee Broome.

Funeral services for Edwin A. "Eddie" Wood are scheduled for Wednesday, December 31, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the Wooster Funeral Home Chapel in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma with the Rev. Clay Shannon officiating. Interment will be at the Pay Day Ranch. Services are under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)
1601 South Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK

Visitation

DEC **30**. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

DEC **31**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Service

DEC **31**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home Chapel
1601 S. Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, Ok

Tribute Wall



“ *Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Edwin A. "Eddie" Wood*



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



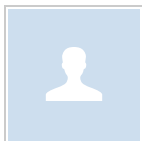
“ *Edwin A. "Eddie" Wood*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *I didnt know Eddy had passed or I would have payed my respects. He tought me alot about life and was a good friend. May God be with him.##imported-begin##Rick McElhaney##imported-end##*

March 15, 2012 at 01:33 AM



“ *I bought my first Texas Longhorn cows at an Eddie Wood sale in San Antonio, TX 20 years ago. At that time, we discovered our common NM roots and many acquaintences in common. He has been a friend and mentor to Rebecca and myself ever since and will sorely miss him. We will keep Joyce in our lives and will keep Eddie's legacy forever alive in our memory and in our herd!##imported-begin##Dr. Fritz Moeller and Rebecca Moeller, Socorro, NM##imported-end##*

December 31, 2008 at 11:09 AM



“ THERE ARE NO WORDS TO SAY HOW SORRY WE ARE AND REGRET THAT WE CANNOT ATTEND HIS SERVICES. PLEASE KNOW THAT OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING EDDIE WITH US.

CATHIE & SMITTY

C & S LONGHORN RANCH###imported-begin##CATHIE & J.M.
SMITH###imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 09:35 AM



“ Although we just met Eddie a couple years ago at Mike Bowmans sale, we could tell he was a true Longhorn enthusiast.. He had quite a sense of humor! He'll be missed. Joyce, please know your in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Frank and Linda Pate###imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 05:02 PM



“ It is with great sadness that we sign the book. However, it was always our priviledge to have been called Eddie's friend. We will never forget our memories of time spent with Eddie; our love and respect will follow him always.###imported-begin##John & Christy Randolph###imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 10:14 AM



“ Joyce,

I am sorry to hear about Eddie. I am in Fort Worth with Rachel. She is having her fourth son. I will see you when I get back to Oklahoma. I will be praying for you and your family.##imported-begin##Patricia Winters##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 09:42 AM



“ My parents, Bill and Margie Cooper of Amarillo were dear friends of Eddie's back in the 1960's-1970's. I have the most wonderful memories of spending several summers as a young girl at Pay Day Ranch learning to ride horses and pass out trophies at the rodeos with his daughter, Edwina Gaye. Eddie will always be a major part of those cherished memories. Condolences to the family.

Sincerely, Christine Hillard##imported-begin##Christine Cooper Hillard##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 04:13 PM



“ Joyce, I am so sorry for your loss. I so enjoyed col. Eddie Woods at the Longhorn sales. Having gone through a loss of my own not too long ago, I can relate to what you are going through and my prayers are wtih you. La Nelle##imported-begin##La Nelle B. Bell##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 12:10 PM



“ I know Joyce and Eddie from my husband Rick Welch. Though it's only been a few years ago, I love them both as my own family. I know there is no death and we will all be together again someday, but for now i miss him beyond words. Eddie is the only man Rick has ever loved, his best friend and family in his book. Our prayers are with you now Joyce.....know that you are loved and we are just a call away. God be with you dear heart.##imported-begin##Marilyn Welch##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 10:50 AM



“ Eddie,
We met you around 10 years ago, during the Bowman sale. That day you became a true friend. You always made sure we got a good deal on our cattle, and you always made time for us.
You brightened so many peoples lives, at sales, and I 'm sure in your personal everyday life. We will always have you in our prayers and think of you as we attend many more sales. You will be missed my many. We are happy for you that you are in peace now, and will be ALL our guardian angel.
Joyce and family, you had a wonderful man when you married Eddie. You and your family are in our prayers. Please let us know if there is something we can do to help you through this difficult time.

Love and Prayers,
Becky, Jim, Justin, Jessica and Jacey##imported-begin##JBR Longhorns##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 10:09 AM



“ well Joyce you no what Eddie ment to me , and to decribe friendship it wouldn't be say'n anuff.If I was to be granted one wish that I no that would come true I would wish that all the old timers like Eddie, were they could cross a finish line ,that would be made from years we all wish we make it to, and then after you cross that line , all your pains and problems would disapear, were people like Eddie and all the other old friends we all have had in our lifes, could be around for ever , so we could listen to all the storys they had to talk about and share with us. WELP COWBOY I'M GON'A MIS YA###imported-begin###RW ,Marilyn Welch###imported-end###

December 28, 2008 at 07:57 PM



“ Joyce, I counted Eddie as a long time friend and enjoyed just watching you and him at cattle sales, regardless of whether I was bidding or not. He was such a unique individual to know and I know that we, and you, will miss him dearly. You are in my prayers and will be for a long time.###imported-begin###Bill Clark###imported-end###

December 28, 2008 at 04:24 PM



“ our thoughts and prayers go out to you joyce and your family eddie sold my father a grand national quarter horse 40 years ago and to this day i still have the trophy of "royal ranger" thank you eddie for everything you did horses and cattle they are a part of my life i will never forget###imported-begin###john and vicki bondon yuppie sunrise stock exchange###imported-end###

December 28, 2008 at 04:15 PM



“ As his gavel came down for the last time Eddie said "It was all about the cattle". We have dedicated the "Select Breeders Sale" to Col. Eddie Wood. Thanks Cowboy you will be missed.##imported-begin##Joel and Shirley Lemley##imported-end##

December 28, 2008 at 02:05 PM



“ Eddie: I'm going to miss all the banter, the wonderful sense of humor, the friendly insults, and the great fun we always had when you were in your element on the podium. You've left a lasting legacy, and I feel privileged to have bought, sold, and laughed in your presence. You will be sorely missed. Mike##imported-begin##Mike Casey##imported-end##

December 28, 2008 at 12:46 PM



“ Eddie,
You made cattle sales such an enjoyable event. You will always be in our hearts and on our minds. RIP my friend.##imported-begin##Ted & Kay Roush##imported-end##

December 27, 2008 at 10:01 PM



“ Great Grandad I will miss not getting to know you as I grow up I love you. Maddy##imported-begin##Madison Yarger##imported-end##

December 27, 2008 at 08:35 PM



“ Eddie, you have always been a shining light at every event and cattle sale. We will miss you.

All our love,

Lynnda and HC##imported-begin##Lynnda & HC Carter##imported-end##

December 27, 2008 at 09:26 AM



“ Grandad, I hope you know how much I love you. I'm gonna miss ya. love Scott##imported-begin##scott yarger##imported-end##

December 26, 2008 at 06:42 PM