

W. B. (BILL) LENDERMAN

Mr. W. B. (Bill) Lenderman, age 77 of Lufkin, passed away Monday, December 24, 2007 at Memorial Medical Center after a courageous fight against cancer. Mr. Lenderman was born July 1, 1930 in Trinity County, Texas, the son of Willie B. and Ila Mae Lenderman.

Mr. Lenderman was a retired businessman, musician, and rancher. In 1946, Mr. Lenderman began his career at Sears and Roebuck Company in Dallas. After a few years, he moved to Lufkin where he continued to work for Sears. In future years, he owned an appliance repair business in Lufkin. Ultimately, he was offered a sales position with Westernaire Air Conditioning Company in Houston, and became territorial manager for sales before retiring in 1988.

Mr. Lenderman was an accomplished musician. In 1957, Bill played fiddle with Hank and Juanita Huggins as a regular member of the K-Tree Jamboree. Mr. Lenderman

continued to play fiddle in various bands and at special events throughout the East Texas area for the next 30 years. Mr. Lenderman loved good country music and especially the Western swing style. One of his greatest legacies will be the fact that his son, Glenn, became a musician also playing the fiddle, and today continues the tradition of country music in the family.

During the past 25 years, Mr. Lenderman has enjoyed ranching on a farm in Houston County that his father and ancestors once owned. Mr. Lenderman improved the land and enjoyed raising hay and working with cattle.

Mr. Lenderman was also active in two historical associations in Houston County. Mr. Lenderman participated in the Antioch Cemetery Association and was one of several that were instrumental in getting a historical marker placed at the Sutbblefield Church Association. Mr. Lenderman was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Lufkin.

Mr. Lenderman was a 50-year Mason. Mr. Lenderman was a member of the Trinity Valley Lodge #1048 in Dallas, and a dual member of the Burke Lodge #833. Mr. Lenderman was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Anita Lenderman of Lufkin; daughters and sons-in-law Bonnie and Chuck Robinson, of Lufkin and Karen and Michael Nathman, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; son and daughter-in-law Glenn and Laura Lenderman, of Lufkin; grandchildren Jennifer Robinson, of Fort Worth, Forrest Robinson and wife Julie, of Spring, Amy Slaton and husband Bryan, of Wylie, Nick Lenderman, who is currently serving in the military in Iraq, Sara Padelford and husband Bryan, of Charleston, S C., Ben Nathman and Katie Nathman of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one step-granddaughter Kellie Page, of Lufkin; one great-granddaughter Clara Sue Padelford, of Charleston, S C.; sister Shirline Lewing, of Lufkin; three brothers and sister-in-law Aubra Lenderman and wife Loretta, of Lufkin, Raymond Lenderman and wife Sophie, of Diboll and Charles Lenderman and wife Jane, of Diboll; a great number of nieces and nephews; and a host of dear friends.

A celebration for the life of Mr. Lenderman were held at

2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 28, 2007 in the Gipson Funeral Home Chapel in Lufkin with the Reverend Horace Fletcher and the Reverend Randy Brown officiating. Interment followed in the Garden of Memories Memorial Park in Lufkin, with graveside services under the auspices of Burke Masonic Lodge No. 833, A.F. & A.M.

Pallbearers were sons-in-law Chuck Robinson and Michael Nathman; grandsons Forrest Robinson, Nick Lenderman and Ben Nathman; and grandson-in-law Bryan Slaton.

Honorary pallbearers were Vernon Havard, Don Sessum, Edmund Kelsey and members of the Burke Masonic Lodge #833.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in Mr. Lenderman's memory to Calvary Baptist Church, 516 Montrose, Lufkin, Texas 75904.

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