



**CLIFFORD REECE PRICE**

Mr. Clifford Reece Price, age 58 of Crockett went home with the angels on Tuesday, April 27, 2004. Mr. Price was born December 8, 1945 in Ninevah. Mr. Price was a graduate of Crockett High School and Sam Houston State University with a Masters in Education. Mr. Price began his career at Kennard I.S.D. in 1968 as a bus driver and teacher. When duty called in 1969, Mr. Price honorably served our country as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps. When his enlistment was over he returned home to his job in Kennard where he was elementary principal from 1975 until 1979. Mr. Price continued his career at Latexo from 1979 until 1995 where he served as superintendent. In 1995 Mr. Price felt the need for a change and became the superintendent for Hamshire-Bannett I.S.D. After three years at a large school Mr. Price felt that he was missing out because he did not have the daily interaction with his students. This led him to West Sabine I.S.D. in 1998 until his early retirement in 2002. Under his leadership and guidance, each school was able to build new facilities for the students.

Mr. Price served on various local, regional and state committees to improve education. Mr. Price also received numerous awards for his work with communities and organizations. The two awards that he cherished the most were the Honorary State Farmer and Distinguished Service Award from the State FFA. Mr. Price was always an active supporter of the junior livestock shows as a division superintendent, committee chairman or the reluctant buyer of a pen of chickens so that Angie could have another "pet." Mr. Price supported students from Anderson to Jefferson counties and everywhere in between. Mr. Price served as Mayor of Latexo and was a member of the Latexo Volunteer Fire Department. Another "Job" that Mr. Price felt compelled to take on was Coach. When no one else wanted the task he stepped up and taught a bunch of "knot-head" girls how to play softball. This job continued every summer for five years.

Mr. Price was always an advocate for students and educators. Mr. Price never accepted inferior work from himself, students or staff. His goal was to have each student excel not only in school but also in life. Mr. Price was driven to take care of his family and his school. Mr. Price was always first to the office and had a pot of coffee brewing. Mr. Price loved God, family and his career and was dedicated to all. Mr. Price loved to hunt, fish and be at one with nature.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years Sue Price, of Crockett; daughter Angie Wiggins and husband Mike, of College Station; grandchildren Kolton Reece Wiggins and Kassidy Grace Wiggins, both of College Station; biological mother Frances McKinney, of Crockett; sister Linda Neel (Albert), of Grapeland; sisters-in-law Darlene Stephens (Lloyd), Kay Sherrod, Connie Goolsby (Mike), all of Houston County; brothers-in-law Victor Allen (Dian) and Bo Allen (Gail), all of Houston County; special "Yankee Sister" Colleen Denman, of Crockett; constant canine companion Poppee Joy; as well as many friends and relatives.

Preceded in death by his adopted mother and father Ethel and Reece Price, of Crockett; stepfather George C. "Pop" McKinney; father and mother-in-law George and Eva Allen; brother-in-law Gene Allen; niece Elizabeth Neel; and several aunts and uncles.

It was Mr. Price's wish to have a celebration of life.

Memorial services for Mr. Clifford Reece Price were held Sunday, May 2, at 3:00 p.m. in the Latexo Baptist Church with the Rev. David Harkins officiating. Friends and family are invited to share prayers, memories and thoughts.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 4000 S. Medford Dr. #17E, Lufkin, TX. 75901; Hospice of Deep East Texas, 907 Mound Street, Nacogdoches, TX. 75961 or Texas Parks and Wildlife.

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