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**BOBBY FRANK STEEL**

Mr. Bobby Frank Steel, 1935-2002. In the years of our Lord February 11, 2002 Bobby departed from us to his immortal home. Born in Arbor Community, Houston County, to Frank Earl Steel and Ruby Ester Rains Steel. Attended Crockett High School, highly involved in school projects and a drummer in the band. Taught Drivers Ed. 1954 Graduate. Teenage farmer, hauled cotton seed with his dad.

Mr. Steel was a licensed Cotton Ginner for Jake Caprielian and ran a grain mill for Nolan Huff. Mr. Steel was a member of the Arbor Baptist Church for his lifetime and became a Deacon in his latter years in which he was very proud. Mr. Steel married Joyce Marie Lowe on September 22, 1957 in Monahans also they lived in Houston County for six months, then working for the U.S. Post Office Department one year in Houston. Mr. Steel served in the U.S. Army from November 1958 to 1960 at Fort Hood with the 4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, over seas duty in Ulm, Germany Specialist 4 with honor

of carrying the Browning Automatic Rifle, receiving the Good Conduct Medal and a badge for being an expert infantryman. Mr. Steel belonged to the 51<sup>st</sup> infantry. Finishing his retirement with the U.S. Post Office as a Spec. 5, he moved back to Houston County where he returned to cattle raising and small farming enjoying Country life once again. Also, he worked as chemist his last few jobs. Belonging to the Houston County Historical Commission, he was compelled to see a historical marker in Arbor Community.

Survivors include his wife Joyce M. Steel, of Kennard; mother Ruby E. Steel, of Crockett; children and grandchildren Bryan Harlan Steel, and former wife Helen, and daughters Heather and Tiffany, of Crockett, Judy Ann Curry, and husband Mike, and daughter Shelley Annette, of Kennard, Rev. Brad Earl Steel, and wife Robin, and daughters Rachel and Rebecca, of Houston, and son Michael James Steel, and wife Emily, and great-grandchildren Cody and Hailey, of Phoenix, Arizona, Janie Marie Rushing, and husband Roger, and daughter Amber and son Ryan, of Kennard, Joy Lyn Hartt, and husband Brian, and son Wyatt, and daughter Morgan, of Crockett; brother James Edwin Steel, and wife Jean of Jacksonville; numerous nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Preceded in death by his father Frank Earl Steel, and brother Donald Ray Steel.

Special thanks from Mr. Steel to ministers, the Rev. Herman Litzler, of Kennard, the Rev. Earl Hester, of Crockett, the Rev. Charles Powell, of Tyler, the Rev. Michael Rodrique, of Pearland, the Rev. Gerald Easterly, and the Rev. Dennis Ivey, both of Crockett, the Rev. David Ackley, of Kennard, the Rev. Delman Orme, and the Rev. Charles Holmes, both of Crockett; Deacons Bro. Roger Rushing, Bro. Carl Mitchell, and Bro. Rick Key.

Mr. Steel will be remembered for his awesome love, his keen sense of humor and his helpfulness will be missed by all. Mr. Steel was filled with integrity and wisdom of forethought.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the University of Texas Health Center of Tyler, Pulmonary Department, 11937 Hwy 271, Tyler, Texas 75708. Or to his favorite Charity and Community, Arbor Baptist Church, Rt. 1 Box 20, Kennard, Texas 75847.

Funeral services for Mr. Bobby Frank Steel were held Thursday, February 14, with the Rev. Charles Powell officiating. Interment followed in the Shady Grove Cemetery.

**Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**