



**MAURICE "DIRK"  
STEWART**

In 1926, February 23, in Bedias, Texas, a son was born to Robert Adams Stewart and Mary Hightower-Stewart whom they named Maurice. He attended the Bedias Schools.

Early in life he developed a love for "cowboying" and rodeos, traveling from state to state all the way to Madison Square Garden in New York City. He continued the cowboy lifestyle on 7 J. Ranch for over 50 odd years.

He met Lemonelle Walker and two children were born to their union Lizzie Ann Peterson who preceded him in death and Cynthia Ann Peterson.

When his health began to fail he resided with his daughter Cynthia and son-in-law Willie Owens Jr. in Crockett where he enjoyed the love of his children, grandchildren, step children, other relatives and friends. Maurice "Dirk" Stewart passed away on July 23, 2002 in Crockett at the local hospital. In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by six brothers; Porter Stewart, Bryant Stewart, Ernest Walton Stewart, Horace Stewart, Robert Stewart, and Marzice Stewart, one sister, Rosie Mae Stewart.

He leaves to cherish his "precious memory" two daughters; Cynthia and husband Willie Owens Jr., Jennifer James, one son; Timothy James, two grandsons; Maurice Bryant Manning and Marcus DeWayne Campbell, two granddaughters; Somalia Nugent and Shar'Kesha Terry all of Crockett, four devoted step daughters; Shirley Bradley, of Dallas, TX., Maydell Walker, of Crockett, Annie Barnes, of Trinity, TX., Arlene Nugent, of Palestine, TX., devoted nephews; Drexel Stewart, Roderick Stewart, Johnny Stewart Jr. all of Houston, TX., Barnell Stewart Sr., of Bedias, devoted nieces; Rita Jackson Houston, Julia Boone, of Cleveland, OH., Judy Stewart, of Bedias, sister-in-law; Lacy Stewart, of Bryan, TX., Randy Parten and the 7 J Ranch Family, and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will always remember his

gentle smile and warm heart.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 29, 2002, 11 am, friendship Baptist Church, 337 Patterson St., Crockett, Rev. Oscar Henderson, pastor and Rev. Jesse Clark, officiated. Eternal resting place was in 7 J Ranch Cemetery.

Casketbearers were; Barnell Stewart Sr., Barnell Stewart Jr., Jerry Barnes, Bobby Mata, Fred Stoliz, Porter Wagner Stewart.

**McClain-Cleburn Funeral  
Service**