



David Lee Vandiver

February 11, 1951 - April 28, 2024

David Lee Vandiver, age 73, passed away Sunday, April 28, 2024, at Russellville Hospital. He was born February 11, 1951, in Franklin County Alabama to Drewy and Arilla Suddith Vandiver. He was a Jack Of All Trades but always “The Boss”. One of his greatest joys was being called “PawPaw” by everyone, especially his granddaughter, Finleigh.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 01, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at Pinkard Funeral Home, Russellville. Service will be Thursday May, 02, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. in the chapel. Bro. Trevor Hallmark will officiate. Interment will be at Gargis Cemetery.

David is survived by his children, William Wilson (Mary), Tim Wilson (Pam), Sherry Willis (Ricky) grandchildren, Matt Austin (Lacey), Michael Wilson (Shea), Olivia Franklin (Clayton), Erica Wilson, Jessica Wilson, Zach Wilson, Amber Wilson and Brittany Wilson. Great grandchildren: Finleigh Austin, Charlie Wilson, Reeslie Wilson, Moxton Marshall, Whitley Willis, and Lilly Franklin. David will be missed by the many children that he raised “even though he didn’t have to”, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and beloved Friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pam Vandiver; Parents, Drewy and Arilla; siblings, Annie Ruth Cook, Marie Holland, Katherine Hulett, Ray

Vandiver, Clay Vandive, Johnny Vandiver, Tim Vandiver, Diane Vandiver;

Pall bearers will be Dave Fischer, Tony Myrick, Ralph Mears, Chuckie Mears, Chris Kerby, and Chester Quinn. The family wishes to thank Northwest Home Health, Russellville Hospital's full staff, and special caregiver Sheila Jones for all their love, care and help the last few months, with PawPaw.

Cemetery Details

Gargis Cemetery

Russellville, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pinkard Funeral Home
27305 Hwy 24 East
P.O. Box 502
Russellville, AL 35653
(256) 332-7772
<http://www.pinkardfh.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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“ When my daughter Lacey married Matt, I said she gave me a son but she also gave me an adopted brother. David tagged me and Tony as his sister and brother after I got involved in an ER Visit in 2018 until Lacey could get here. From then on ...he would say just ask Diane - she knows what I need - so glad he trusted me 💔 we got to enjoy him many more years! He always made Lacey chuckle and she truly loved him.



Our families knew each other over the years because David's dad and Tony's dad were fox hunter partners.

However, when our daughter married his grandson and along came Finleigh Kate David became our family too.

He affectionately called my sister Christy loudmouth. At one of the Dempsey Christmas Dinners, my great nephew Braxton (about 7 years old at the time) pulled a toy gun on David and Matt's brother Michael and said hands up now. David said he didn't know what he got himself into 😬 and told that story many times over the years.

We spent many hours together mostly around meals, Finleigh Kate celebrations, Bama football tailgate gatherings, holiday and birthday gatherings, and church services.

At the tailgate gatherings, he would sit and chuckle as Matt and I passionately shared smack talk since Matt is a fan of that gaudy orange team.

My son in LOVE who I love a bunch was so good to his PawPaw - never seen a bond like the two of them have. A story about what PawPaw had pulled can always brighten Matt's most stressful days on the Austin Farm! PawPaw David was so proud of Matt- got a little confused in last few hospital stays and told farming stories that were all news to Matt but matt just smiled 😊.

Matt - he will never fill PawPaw's shoes nor would he want to; but aren't you glad you have T-Pop on the Farm now to crack jokes and "The Boss" Finleigh Kate is around to help you too.

We will miss PawPaw David dearly. We Love you David!

Tony and Diane Myrick (T-Pop and GiGi)

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