



Martin Rufus Golden Jr.

June 24, 1923 - October 12, 2017

Martin Rufus Golden, Jr. has been a devoted father, grandfather, husband, and son, a man who found great pleasure in family, friends, his work, and the world around him, particularly his view of the Appalachian Mountain Chain. After his birth on June 24, 1923, to Martin Rufus Golden, Sr. and Mattie Maude Barker Golden in Farris, Texas, his father was said to have remarked, "This is my little cowboy." After the family returned to Franklin County, Martin was affectionately known to family and friends as "Cowboy."

During World War II Mr. Golden enlisted in the Navy and was serving on the USS New Orleans in the Pacific Theater when the war ended.

After returning to Franklin County, Mr. Golden married Margaret Lee McBrayer on December 23, 1947 and they made their home in Newburg.

Mr. Golden was a member of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church Russellville.

Mr. Golden served as a three-term, second generation, Franklin County Tax Collector.

As a fourth-generation cattle farmer of a land-grant farm, Mr. Golden has maintained a closed-herd of Angus for over sixty years and earned the respect of his peers. Mr. Golden was recognized as Franklin County Farm Family of the Year (2012) and Farmer of the Year (1997).

Mr. Golden was member of the Cattleman's Association and the Newburg Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Golden served on the boards of Production Credit, Soil and Water

Conservation Committee, and West Lawrence Water Board.

Mr. Golden is preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 47 years, and his sister, Annie Sue Cooley. He is survived by his daughters Patsy Golden McDuffa, Jo Ann Golden Graham and her husband Michael Graham; three grandchildren and their spouses: Michael and Stacey McDuffa Turner, Mountain Brook; Chad and Mary Cole McDuffa, Florence; Marty and Lacy Jordan Graham, Russellville; five great grandchildren: Maggie McDuffa, Jane Margaret Turner, Cole McDuffa, Anne Elizabeth Turner, and Hudson Graham; nieces and nephews: Shelia Dunkle Witt, Billy and Lisa Jackson Witt, Angel Witt Dunston, Steve Cooley, Andrew Cooley, Jacob Cooley, Bill and Susan Cooley Puckett, Katherine Puckett, and Rachel Puckett.

Special thanks to April Chandler, the staff at Helen Keller Memorial Palliative Care Unit and Pride Senior Care.

Pall Bearers: Jimmy Byars, Andy Elkins, Don Garrard, Johnny Little, Tommy Little, and Billy Witt. Honorary Pall Bearers: Steve Britnell, Justus Cole, David Evette, Joe Gillespie, Terry Graves, Hugh Ray Harbin, Jimmy Dale Seay, Johnny Mack Morrow, and Jack's Restaurant Breakfast Group.

Visitation for Mr. Golden will be Sunday, October 15, 2017, from 12:00 noon until 3:00 P.M. at Pinkard Funeral Home, Russellville. Services will begin at 3:00 P.M. with Clint Busler and Bo Lloyd officiating. Burial will be in Franklin Memory Gardens, Russellville, AL.

Pinkard Funeral Home, Russellville, is directing.

Cemetery Details

Franklin Memory Gardens

2710 Waterloo Road
Russellville, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Pinkard Funeral Home - Russellville
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Tribute Wall

DM

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. Cowboy was a special dear friend to us and our parents. May all your families precious memories give you comfort! Love Doyle & Densel Martin

Doyle Martin - October 15, 2017 at 06:20 PM

MP

“ I am deeply sadden to hear of the passing of Cowboy. He was a ray of sunshine to our office. such a kind, sweet, soul. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Mendy Palmer
(Morgan Chiropractic)*

Mendy Palmer - October 14, 2017 at 09:10 AM

JM

“ Pasty and JoAnn,
So sorry to learn of your special dad's passing. JoAnn and I always shared at work things about our good dads and how lucky we were to have them as long as we did. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jane Keeton McManus

Jane Keeton McManus - October 13, 2017 at 01:54 PM

DM

“ Patsy, Linda and I want you to know that our prayers are with you.....love wayne madden

Dave Madden - October 13, 2017 at 09:38 AM



Patsy and Jo Ann, my most sincere sympathy and love to you.

Dolores Johnson - October 14, 2017 at 04:26 PM