

Veal, Anthony 'Tony' | 1939-2013

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Anthony "Tony" Veal

Anthony "Tony" Veal, 74, died Friday, Oct. 25, 2013, in Decatur.

Memorial service is 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, at the Montague County Cowboy Church with the Rev. Joe Cabellero officiating.

Tony was born July 7, 1939, in Hutchinson, Kan., an only child to Albert and Agatha (Reed) Veal. As a young child, he and his family lived in Oklahoma.

Tony attended high school in Sulphur, Okla., where he met his future wife, Joy. He played varsity football and also played in the marching band, making for a hectic schedule on Friday nights. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1958 to 1960.

Tony worked for American Airlines for 38 years, beginning in 1965. He was a mechanic with varying duties in Dallas and Albuquerque, then moved to Reno in 1999 as a crew chief, until his retirement in 2003. Tony remained active with the American retirement community and had countless close friendships from his time at AA.

He had a lifelong passion for motorcycles and rode in motorcycle enduro races for several years, starting in the late '60s. Tony also had his own motorcycle repair shop in Hurst for a period of time and loved working on bikes of all types.

Tony loved to fly and had his own plane for several years, flying all around the country.

He moved back to Texas several years ago after living in Sparks, Nev., and cherished the opportunity to reconnect with his family and all of his close friends from work and school.

He is survived by his wife, Joy Veal of Decatur; daughter Lori Mahler and husband, Nick, of Wylie; sons Craig Veal and wife, Sheryl, of Weaver, Ala., and Eric Veal and wife, Amy, of Emory; stepson David Williams of Roseville, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many friends.