

Bobby Lewis Woolf | 1943-2015

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Bobby Lewis Woolf, 72, of Hamlin died Tuesday, June 23, 2015, after a six-month battle with cancer. Funeral was June 26 at the First Baptist Church of Hamlin with entombment at the Elmwood Memorial Park Mausoleum. E.C. Ice III, Jeremy Willis and Kenneth Woolf officiated the services.

Bobby was born Feb. 17, 1943, in Hamlin to Lewis and Opal Irene Woolf. He spent the first years of his life in the Celotex Community. He then was raised and attended school in Hamlin and later at Lee Junior College in Baytown for two years.

Bobby married his wife of 45 years, Shirley Phelps Woolf, April 28, 1970, in Abilene. He spent his adult life working the oil fields of West Texas and North Texas. He started his career working as a roustabout and later worked in management and sales. He loved the oil industry and could remember and tell you almost anything you wanted to know. Bobby was well-loved and respected by the employees and fellow company men of the customers with which he worked. He was a man that would give anyone the shirt off his back or his last dollar if he saw someone in need. Bobby taught many of the younger generation the oilfield profession and was a mentor to many.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Irene Woolf; grandparents Pa Bill and Big Mama Woolf and Sid and Granny Clay; brother Jimmy Woolf; brothers-in-law Frank Willis and Robert Polk; niece Annette Cantrell; and numerous uncles and aunts. Bobby is survived by his wife, Shirley; daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa and Jeff Calhoun of Hamlin, Mindy and PD White of Abilene and Michelle and Justin Holland of Hamlin; sons and daughter-in-law Shannon and Angie Woolf of Hamlin and Danny Woolf of Anson; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He's also survived by his mother-in-law, Leta Mae Kendrick of Anson; sister Debbie Willis of Grand Prairie; brother and sister-in-law Gary and Denise Woolf of Mineral Wells; sisters-in-law Erma Woolf of Hamlin, Geneva Polk of Abilene and Linda Zampine and husband, James, of Anson; brother-in-law Bennie Kendrick of Anson; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, 1004 7th Ave., Ft. Worth, TX 76104, in honor of granddaughter Hanna Holland for all the wonderful work they do for her and countless other children and their families.