

# Lemial Garland Mantooth | 1939-2016

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Lemial Garland "LG" Mantooth, 77, of Decatur died Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016, in Fort Worth.

Funeral is 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at Restland Memorial Chapel in Dallas. Visitation is 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Restland Funeral Home.

LG was born July 21, 1939, in McKinney and was raised in Irving. His first love was for that of his family as he was a devoted loving, giving, ear-pulling husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

His pride and joy was his business, Mantooth Construction of Irving, that was established by his father, William Garland Mantooth, in 1949 with only a team of horses. LG was the definition of a cowboy with his career starting as a bull and bronc rider. He later took up calf roping and found that to be his true passion. As long as he was in the arena or on the back of a horse swinging a rope, he was happy. The back of a horse to him was like another man's favorite recliner. That is where he was most comfortable and relaxed. Taking his granddaughter to rodeos was the ultimate honor to him. He loved teaching her how to be a cowgirl and spent countless hours with her in the arena and on the road. This was his life, and this made him happy.

LG was preceded in death by his parents, William Garland and Hazel Mantooth; infant son, Lemial Garland Mantooth Jr.; brother-in-law Mikey Joe McCoy; and nephew Mikey Dwayne McCoy. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carol Ann Mantooth of Decatur; daughter Roni Allen and lifelong partner, Kae Wilson of Irving and Roni's daughter, Rebecca Rose of Lewisville; son Will and wife, Nicole, and their children, Savannah, Cheyenne and Lariat Mantooth, all of Decatur; son John and loving partner, Amber, of Decatur and John's son Colton and mother of Colton, Michelle Mantooth of Big Spring; son Lance and wife, Marcey, of Rockwall and Lance's children, Amber, Lacey and Landen and their mother, Christi Pinson of Forney. He is also survived by sisters Idellian McCoy and Shirley Byers and husband, David, all of Decatur; sister-in-law Jona Beth Record of Gainesville, Fla.; brother-in-law Pete Stanley of Comanche; uncle Vetis Davis and wife, Dorothy, of Irving; and aunt Lyzetta Mantooth of Mabank. He also leaves behind three great-grandchildren to remember his legacy: Brilynn Foster, Morgan Rose and Justin Rose; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, family members and friends.