

McCurdy, Floyd T. | 1929-2017

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Floyd McCurdy

Floyd T. McCurdy, 87, of Rhome died Monday, Feb. 6, 2017, at his home near Rhome.

Funeral is 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Rhome Church of Christ with Roy H. Deaver officiating. Leon Fuqua will lead singing. Burial will follow at Thurmond-Fairview Cemetery in New Fairview.

Floyd was a godly man who loved his family, country and neighbors. He was known for his storytelling, big smile and work ethic. In addition to farming/ranching, he was involved in rental property, gas production and worked for the Rock Island and Union Pacific Railroads for 26 years as a brakeman. Floyd served his country in the United States Navy. He was born Dec. 21, 1929, in Decatur to Rufus Cal and Ava (Chambers) McCurdy. His family settled in Wise County in 1899, and their cattle brand is a featured historical brand at Texas A&M University. Floyd had five siblings: Allan, Beatrice, Calva, Dorothy and Elton. All preceded him in death.

Floyd graduated from Decatur High School in 1947. He attended North Texas Agricultural College, part of the Texas A&M College system for one-and-a-half years until he joined the U.S. Navy and served on a submarine during the Korean War. On Jan. 23, 1954, in Fort Worth, he married Peggy Logan, the "prettiest girl in the county," who was the love of his life for 63 years. Floyd and Peggy had three children to whom he conveyed the values of hard work, love of the land, and dedication to family. He and Peggy continued the family tradition of road trips to historic sites across the United States with their six grandchildren. The kids were captive to his endless storytelling and recitation of historical facts, but at least baths were optional if you took a dip in the hotel pool.

Floyd never met a stranger and never failed to serve his community. He was an elder at the Rhome Church of Christ and was instrumental in the World Bible School missionary work in Chennai, India. He also served as deacon, Bible class teacher and song leader, where you could hear his beautiful tenor voice. He was president of the Thurmond-Fairview Cemetery Association for 38 years. Floyd was active in the Wise County Democratic Party and was honored in 2010 with a ceremony for his many years of service. He served on the Northwest ISD School Board and announced their high school football games for many years. He was proud to be a member of Woodmen of the World and the Texas Farmers Union.

Floyd was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters; and two brothers. He is survived by his wife, Peggy McCurdy of Rhome; sons K.C. McCurdy and wife, Kim, of Rhome, and Kyle McCurdy and wife, Kendall, of Graham; daughter Amelia Martin and husband, Chris, of Austin; grandchildren Kellan McCurdy, Luthien McCurdy, Julia Martin, Daniel McCurdy, Louisa Martin and John McCurdy; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Memorial donations may be made to the Rhome Church of Christ, P.O. Box 92, Rhome, TX 76078, memo line: India World Bible School; or the charity of your choice.