



Mann, Carlos Elder

1930-2023

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A celebration of life for Carlos Elder Mann, 93, of Bridgeport was held Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, at the First Methodist Church Bridgeport. The service was officiated by Pastor Rick Davis. Visitation was also held at the church, beginning one hour prior to the service. Burial followed at Eastside Cemetery in Bridgeport, with William Mann, Gary Mann, Charlie Mann, Jimmy Mann, Tommy Mann and Mark Mann serving as pallbearers; Terry Mann and Ronnie Mann served as honorary pallbearers.

Born Sept. 7, 1930, in Decatur, to W.J. and Ovella Mann, Carlos graduated from Bridgeport High School. He played football two years for Henderson Junior College in Athens, and two more years at Texas A&M before being drafted by the U.S. Army. He proudly served his country during the Korean War, and would later become a Purple Heart recipient.

Following his time in the service, Carlos claimed Bridgeport as his place of residence. He worked as a general contractor in residential and commercial construction in Wise and surrounding counties, building a major part of Bridgeport. He was also a partner in Wise Ready Mix Concrete. Carlos was a 32nd degree Master Mason and proudly passed his ring and fez to his first grandson, Pace Copeland, when Pace received his 32nd degree. He was a lifelong member of the First Methodist Church and was actively involved in his community, where he served as one of the original charter board members of the Bridgeport Country Club, and played a major role in construction of the course and club. Time permitting, he also enjoyed rodeoing, golfing and farming. His greatest joy, however, was spending time with his girls and family, something which earned him the title of, "Best Papa Ever."

Those left behind to cherish Carlos' memory are his wife of 40 years, Shirley Anne Mann; daughters, Susan Hester, Sherry Phillips and husband, CD, and Sandi George and husband, Mike; sons, Jim Jobe and wife, Jackie, and Johnny Jobe and wife, Debbie; sister Ann Nimmo; 17 grandchildren, a wealth of great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren — all of whom he regarded as a total blessing.

Carlos was preceded in death by his parents, W.J. and Ovella Mann; brother, Jack Mann; and son, Kelly Jobe.

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