



Meador, Franklin Dawson

1934-2023

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Franklin Dawson Meador, 88, went to be with our Lord Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023.

Franklin was born Dec. 1, 1934, to Christopher Dawson and Nadine (Franklin) Meador in Saint Jo. He was united in marriage Nov. 4, 1978, to Charlotte Gettys in Decatur. Frank was a beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend to many who will miss him dearly. Frank attended the University of Texas at Austin and majored in business. In addition to his studies, he was a member of Charros, a rodeo association at the University of Texas.

After college, Frank settled in Decatur, where he worked in his family-owned Central Telephone Company for many years before the company sold. He then began farming and ranching.

Due to Frank's interest in antique vehicles, he formed and owned Older

Used Cars in Decatur, where he was often visited by the high school auto mechanics club. In fact, he was often sought out by people from all over the United States wanting information on antique vehicles.

Franklin was a member of the Rotary Club, a charter member of the Wise County Auto Club and a devoted member of the First United Methodist Church of Decatur in his later years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Christopher and Nadine Meador; his daughter, LeaAnn Meador; and granddaughter, Chimene Meador.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife, Charlotte Meador of Decatur; his son, John Meador and wife, Lisa, of Woodson; daughter, Sterling Cole and husband, Gavin, of Flower Mound; his grandchildren, Raymon Meier, Triston Minihan and husband, Thomas, Jess Meador, and Owen, Nathan, Grayson and Weston Cole; three great-grandchildren, Camden, Dayton and Baileigh Minihan; extended family members and a host of friends.

A memorial service will be at a later date.

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