



**Meadows, Melvin Jay**

1937-2023

By [Messenger Staff](#) | Published on April 03, 2023

Paradise ~ Melvin Jay Meadows, 85, went to be with our Lord Friday, March 31, 2023, in Paradise.

Funeral service was Monday, April 3, 2023, at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport, with burial at Cottondale Cemetery.

Danny Russell officiated. Pallbearers were Brad Martin, Jerod Foster, Seth Foster, Dalton Meadows, Dillon Meadows, Dustin Meadows, Travis Hamby and Adam Rife.

Melvin was born on July 13, 1937, to Tom and Ovella (Jones) Meadows in Cottondale. He was united in marriage to Jannie Lou Moody on June 20, 1958, in Paradise. Melvin was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and a friend to many who will miss him dearly.

Melvin and Jannie Lou were lifelong farmers and ranchers, and the owners of Meadows Ranch in Cottondale. Melvin was born and raised on the

ranch. He graduated from Paradise High School in 1955. He served on the Paradise School Board for several years, also serving on the FSA Committee in Decatur. He was a member of the Cottondale Church of Christ and was on the Board of Trustees of the Cottondale Cemetery Association. He never met a stranger and was always willing to help everyone. He was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Ovella Meadows; and his sister, Edith Cleveland.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 64 years, Jannie Lou Meadows of Cottondale; his daughters, Deloris Martin and husband, Davis, of Cottondale, and Marsha Foster and husband, Jay, of Cottondale; his son, Todd Meadows and wife, Robin, of Cottondale; his grandchildren, Brad Martin and wife, Jennifer, Jana Hamby and husband, Travis, Jerod Foster and wife, Amanda, Hayley Rife and husband, Adam, Seth Foster and wife, Rachel, Dalton Meadows and wife, Bethany, Dillon Meadows and wife, Laken, Danae Meadows and Dustin Meadows; his great-grandchildren, Brynlee and Bryleigh Hamby, Chase and Britton Martin, Owen and Allie Rife, Eva, Lola, Emmy Foster, Conley Meadows; other relatives and a host of friends.

Hawkins Funeral Home Bridgeport | 940-683-2211 | [hawkinsfuneralhome.com](http://hawkinsfuneralhome.com)