



## **Splawn, Melvin Dean**

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Hillsboro – Melvin Dean Splawn, 84, went to be with our Lord Friday, Feb. 24, 2023.

Funeral was Tuesday at the New Beginnings International Church in Fort Worth, with burial at Boyd Cemetery. Mark Couch officiated. Pallbearers were Jeffrey Splawn, Corey Splawn, Brandon Logan, Dustin Burgess, Al Dickerson and Lynn McCain

Melvin was born Aug. 24, 1938, to Grover Cleveland and Hattie Beatrice (Flowers) Splawn in Decatur. Melvin grew up a preacher's kid living in various small towns. His family moved to Pilot Point in 1951 and he graduated from high school in 1956.

He was united in marriage April 20, 1957, to Jewel Webb in Pilot Point after pursuing her while they worked in Fort Worth at what was General Dynamics. He had never met Jewel even though she ran around with his cousins who lived in

Decatur. They met in January 1957 in Fort Worth and married shortly after. Their first son was born in August 1958. A second son was born in March 1960. After being laid off from General Dynamics, he went to Abilene and worked for General Dynamics Astronautics on the missile sites. From February 1963 until his retiring in 2000, he was at Bell Helicopter working in the dispatching department as dispatcher, supervisor, ending his career as the shop floor control analyst. He and Jewel lived in Haslet for 31 years raising their two sons. After retiring, they moved to Hillsboro, where he bought a few acres of land and called it The Lazy S Ponderosa. He loved to mow and stay active. He had a small business called Mel's mowing service. He was an active Christian and worked in many churches as God led him. He was affiliated with Assembly of God and non-denominational Churches.

Melvin was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and a friend to many who will miss him dearly. He is preceded in death by his parents; son, Mike Splawn; and grandson, Ricky Splawn.

Those left behind to cherish his loving memory are his wife of 65 years, Jewel Splawn; his son, Marty Splawn and wife, Pam; grandsons Jeffrey Splawn and wife, Brittany, and Corey Splawn; granddaughters, Britteny Logan and husband, Brandon, and Courtney Splawn; daughter-in-law, Jean Splawn; 11 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

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