



**Luther, Charles Bradley 'Red'**

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Charles passed away Jan. 9, 2024, in Chico.

He was born Sept. 14, 1935, to Charley Dow Luther and Cora Asseneth Moss Luther in Alvord. He graduated from Chico High School in 1953. He was united in marriage to Darlene West on March 26, 1955, in Ardmore, Oklahoma. He loved to take her dancing at Panther Hall in Fort Worth.

Charles drove a truck across the country for 60 years, traveling from Canada to Mexico. He and Darlene owned Tri-State Equipment from 1979-1992. He loved the open road and driving was his passion. He finally retired in 2016 at the age of 81.

He then enjoyed working his cows, driving his tractor, caring for his plants and playing 42 at the local senior center, but found the most

joy in spending time with his great-grandchildren. He was a loving husband, father, Papaw, brother, uncle and friend to many, especially his dear friend and neighbor, Will Cox.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Charley and Cora, his loving wife, Darlene, and his sister, Angel.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Sherri Crump and husband, Artis, of Briar; his son, Kent Luther of Chico; granddaughter Ashley Bush and husband, Matt, of Alvord; grandson, Dustin Strouth; great-grandchildren, Dusty Strouth of Briar, Eric Strouth of Chico, Taylor, Zeke, Deklyn and Logan Bush of Alvord.

An intimate visitation was held Jan. 21 to celebrate his life. In lieu of flowers, Charles asked that donations be made to Morris Memorial Methodist Church in Chico, or the American Parkinson Disease Association.