



Rolison, William 'Larry'

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William (Larry) Rolison, age 84, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 17, surrounded by his family at his home in Waxahachie. Larry was born April 7, 1940, in Boyd, to Charles Douglas and Vera Lorraine (Stewart) Rolison. After serving in the United States Airforce as an aircraft mechanic, he moved to California where he spent several years working as a commercial fisherman. He later returned to Boyd where he gave his life to Christ and met the love of his life, Mary Alice (Banks) Rolison to whom he was married for 51 years before her passing in 2019.

Larry received his Bachelor Degree from Dallas Baptist University and a Master of Divinity Degree from Dallas Theological Seminary before going on to pastor numerous churches including The First Baptist Church of Milford and Waterstreet Baptist Church in Waxahachie.

At the age of 84, he continued to work fulltime as an aircraft mechanic right up until the time of his cancer diagnosis. While the company name had changed numerous times over the years from Cooper Airmotive to Aviall (the company name which he submitted in an employee contest), then Ryder, Dallas Airmotive and eventually StandardAero, one thing remained the same, Larry was always there and he was very proud of his nearly 50 years of service. Despite having tried to retire several times, he always returned to his home away from home and the team at work that he enjoyed seeing daily. The only things he loved more than his work family were the Lord, his actual family, and maybe the San Francisco 49ers.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, CD and Vera Rolison of Boyd; his loving wife of 51 years, Mary Alice (Banks) Rolison; his brothers, Charles Douglas (Spike) Rolison Jr. and Robert (Bobby) Rolison; and sister-in-law, Nelda (Carlene) Rolison.

He is survived by his two daughters, Alice (Allie) Rolison and Erica Michelle (Rolison) Green; daughter-in-law, Reilly Gallagher; nephews, Robert and Steve Rolison and niece, Kathryn (Rolison) Oliverio. Larry also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren, Kirsten (Rolison) Bunch, Brianna McAndrews, and Ethan Green; one grandson-in-law, Jacob Bunch; two great-grandchildren, Kruz and Kash Salazar and brother-in-law, Harvey (Nick) Banks Jr.

Visitation will be at Boze Mitchell McKibbin Funeral home in Waxahachie on Friday, Oct. 11 from 6-8 p.m. with a funeral service to be held on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 10 a.m. A separate graveside service will follow at Boyd Cemetery (time TBD).