



**Earnest, Thomas 'Tom' Wayne**

**May 30, 1938 — June 7, 2025**

Thomas (Tom) Wayne Earnest, 87, went to be with our Lord on Saturday June 7, 2025 surrounded by his family at his residence in Boyd.

Funeral Service is 11:00 a.m. Friday June 13, 2025 at First Baptist Church of Boyd with burial at Boyd Cemetery. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Officiant is David Slimp. Pallbearers include , Kent Spencer, Eric Cates, Wade Padgett, Mike Youngblood, Jes Slimp and Garrett Slimp. Honorary pallbearers are close friends and previous colleagues, Danny Wilbanks, Noel Gilley, Robert Demases, Clinton Wolfe, Gary Potts, Doyle Jennings, Tommy Spencer, Vernon Tedrow, Bud Smith, Ronny Smith, David Duncan, Tony Setan, Bill Huddleston and Jimmy Wilson and J.D. Niblett.

Tom was born May 30, 1938 in Boyd, Texas to James (J.B.) and Opal (Halford) Earnest. Tom married Janet "LaNell" Rendleman on May 6, 1991 at the J.P.

office in Boyd. He worked for Mitchell Energy as a heavy equipment operator until he started Tom Earnest Trucking and later Tommy Lube and Earnest Car Wash in Boyd. In his spare time, he loved working with wood and metal and when he had an opportunity to relax, he watched rodeos or a good western on tv. He also loved watching the Dallas Cowboys. After he retired in 2002, he and LaNell loved to travel in their motor home and spent quality time with family and friends who were so important. Tom was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church in Boyd, he was a beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother and will be missed dearly by so many.

He is preceded in death by his parents, J.B. and Opal Earnest. brothers, James Earl Earnest; and sister Eovil Lipford.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of over 34 years LaNell Earnest; His daughters, Kelly Padgett and husband William, Treva Anderson and husband Wade; grandchildren, Jordan Padgett, Wade Padgett, Amy Anderson, Kate Anderson, Ashlee Thompson and husband Caleb; great grandchildren, Ellie Anderson, Cetch Thompson and Townslee Thompson ; brothers Melvin Earnest and wife Karen, sister, Jeannie Wilson and husband Bill, many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

The family request in lieu of flowers please send a donation to the First Baptist Church of Boyd Youth and Children programs in honor of Tom.

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