

Clayton Clifford Knopp

May 7, 1931 - June 8, 2018

Clayton Clifford Knopp, of Fredericksburg, passed away on Friday, June 8, 2018, at the age of 87 years.

Clayton was born on May 7, 1931 in Fredericksburg, Texas to Erwin and Minnie Pieper Knopp. He married Ora Ann Behrends on Feb. 27, 1955 at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, and she survives.

Clayton farmed and ranched in the Luckenbach community, and over the years, was a masonry contractor.

He and Ora Ann were avid domino players and they also enjoyed going dancing.

Clayton loved to go to about any type of auction. One of his favorite auctions was farm and ranch equipment auctions. He always knew what he could pay for an item and then, sell it later and make a profit.

On Wednesdays, he would usually never miss the cattle auction at Gillespie Livestock. He loved to buy and sell cattle.

Clayton loved to hunt on the ranch at Luckenbach and raise trophy bucks in his deer-proof pasture. Along with hunting came the job of butchering hogs and making sausage and tamales, which he always enjoyed.

In the 1970s and 1980s, he hunted in West Texas in the Sheffield area. He also loved to travel to New Mexico to hunt mule deer.

In June 1995, Clayton and Ora Ann bought a ranch near Junction in Kimble County. The ranch is a beautiful place, and Clayton was very proud of it.

After buying the ranch, roads were built and hunting towers and deer feeders were installed.

Clayton was always ready for the opening weekend of hunting season. One of his favorite places was the ranch at Junction. He had many fond memories and wonderful times there.

Clayton will be missed for a long, long time.

Clayton is survived by his wife, Ora Ann Behrends Knopp of Fredericksburg; and three daughters, Bonnie Coffee of Boerne, Connie Stahl of Bulverde and Donnie Coleman of Fredericksburg.

He is also survived by three grandchildren, Heath Sasko, Crystal Stahl and Kimberly Coffee, and four great-grandchildren, Brady Sasko, Brant Sasko, Warren Russell and Vivian Russell.

Also surviving are three sisters and spouses, Ella Mae and Elgin Durst of Fredericksburg, Esther and Dale McHalek of Fredericksburg and Hazel and Eugene Merkel of Llano; and a sister-in-law and spouse, Flora and James Wallendorf of Fredericksburg.

Clayton was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Delight Ann Knopp Schuette.

As per Clayton's request, he was cremated.

A graveside service and interment with military honors was held on Friday, June 15, at 10 a.m. at Greenwood Cemetery with the Rev. Alan Williams officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made in his memory to the Luckenbach School, Holy Ghost Lutheran Church or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements were under the direction of
Schaetter Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent at
www.schaetter.com.

