



Billy Wayne Selman Sr.

April 4, 1941 - May 3, 2020

Born 4/4/41 in Abilene, Texas to G.W. & Margaret Selman, Billy Wayne Selman, Sr. passed away Sunday, May 3, 2020 after a fall compounded by heart disease. Some of Billy's happiest years were spent with his beloved brother Buddy Royce and sister Betty Lou Keahey (predeceased by both) as they grew up in the West Texas plains and the Panhandle area of Texas. Their good-natured fun, love of loud/fast cars and motorcycles, and just a downright propensity to be an annoyance to authority defined and enhanced their youth. Whether they were street racing, playing football for the Whiteface High School football team, or attending Methodist Youth Fellowship, they were doing it together and leaving their mark.

As an adult Billy Wayne always had an adventurous streak continuing to ride motorcycles with his entire family, race fast cars with his son Billy Wayne Selman, Jr., while always conforming enough to support a wife and 2 children by the age of 19. But while he conformed and excelled in his job he always stood up for the worker. A passionate member of UTE (Union of Transportation Employees) he took representation of the members to Executive levels serving many terms as Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. Billy's friends are legion because Billy was a genuine person. If you were his friend he had a sincere interest in you and your well-being.

Survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Jennie Pixley Selman, Jennie was Billy's wife, travelling partner, side-kick, and his Mechanic Assistant he loved and valued more than words can say. Jennie & Billy were working on his tractor in the garage when he fell. I can't think of a more appropriate place or person for him to be with. Billy was a member of the James V Callan Lodge #1422 and became a 33 Degree Master Mason at the age of 30. Survived by his children Billy W. Selman, Jr. (Pat), Tonya Garces (Mando), and David Pixley (Lisa) Billy's children were given a most unique upbringing that was fun, exciting, fun, disciplined, fun, non-traditional, fun, strict. They were all taught by Billy about honesty, hard work, respect, and to never, ever, ever put away a tool without first washing it with gas and putting it back exactly where you found it.

His non-traditional grand-parenting continued with his 6 grandchildren whom he absolutely adored. One of his traditions was he introduced each at early ages to un-lit cigars they all carried in their mouth when with grandpa. Trae White (Brittany); Cheriesa Selman; Joe Aviles (Kristen); Danielle Krueger (Sergei); Alex Aviles; Joe Murillo (Kimberly); Chris Murillo (Juanita); predeceased by grand-daughter Vanessa Garces. Survived by 12 1/2 great-grandchildren. Also survived by the mother of his two older children, Beverly Selman.

Due to the current health situation a celebration of Billy's life will be scheduled for the Fall. Please watch FB for details and thank you all for your kindness during this time and your love for Billy for as long as you knew him.

Comments



“ Tree of Life Memorial Urn Pendant was purchased for the family of Billy Wayne Selman Sr..



May 20 at 05:00 PM



“ I can't express the feeling of loss of a real life free bird. He appreciated the little things that most people take for granted. For years he would answer questions based on his life experiences and that of a Trade Unionist. If you had a question about anything outdoors, or a mechanical question, he was always willing to teach and happy to help. I've missed seeing you and hearing your gruffly voice as you would crack loving jokes about me when I screwed up something. (I've never looked at a chainsaw the same). I see a lot of you in your son, and my good friend and brother from another mother.

Rest now Sir. Thank you for all your help along the way.

Lumberjack John

John Shorts - May 10 at 11:11 AM



“ Than you, John. He really liked you and we had quite a laugh about the chainsaw. Lumberjack, indeed.lol You are a great friend to Jr!

Jennie (Selman) Pixley - May 10 at 01:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Wayne Selman Sr..



May 08 at 08:48 PM



“ Well I have a lifetime of memories. I suppose some that stand out are simple things that you don't think of at the time but dad was always teaching and preparing me for life, simple because They were the things that caring parents do. He taught me and my sister about right and wrong, honesty. I remember that if he was up working around the house; we were up. I wouldn't have the work ethic that I do with out his guidance. He never stopped working.
I love you dad and thank you for always being there.

Billy Selman jr - May 08 at 08:38 PM



“ You and Tonya were so loved by your Dad. We talked often about how proud he was of ya'll.

Jennie (Selman) Pixley - May 09 at 02:01 PM



“ I will miss you so much, my love. We had 27 years of adventures! You are my heart.

Jennie (Selman) Pixley - May 08 at 05:57 PM



“ I can't count the times Billy Wayne came to help us. Once when my Billy was being released from the hospital after back surgery, Billy Wayne didn't trust me to drive Billy home. So he showed up and drove him home himself. He was there when our son was in a car/train accident and Billy was in Amarillo on the truck. He met me at the hospital and arranged for Billy to fly home. And there were fun times on the motorcycles too. He always cared about others and will surely be missed.

Billy and Dai Long - May 08 at 04:55 PM



“ He loved ya'!! Thank you for being good friends for so many years.

Jennie (Selman) Pixley - May 10 at 01:06 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Billy Wayne Selman Sr..



May 08 at 04:46 PM



“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Billy, but through my daughter Holly Feirtag Simonton, I know his sweet granddaughter Cheriesa. I would just like to send my family's love and sympathy to his family and friends.

Beverly Feirtag - May 08 at 03:18 PM



“ Thank you so much.

Jennie (Selman) Pixley - May 10 at 01:07 PM



“ I will miss you! Say hi to my Billy for me! You were a joy to work with and helped me so much in my transition into the Safety field. You sat quietly there during my loss and that helped me more than I ever said. I will miss you greatly.

Teresa Lindsey - May 08 at 02:24 PM



“ Thank you, Teresa! You kept him sane and let him use that big ole stapler. Lol He was one of a kind.

Jennie (Selman) Pixley - May 10 at 01:10 PM