



Edwin Ray Black

September 3, 1946 - January 13, 2020

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Hico the Hico FFA, the Hico United Care or the Hico Fire Department.

Services are 5:30 pm, Thursday January 16, 2020 at First Baptist Church, Hico, Texas with a Celebration of Life luncheon and fellowship following the service from 6-8pm.

Graveside service 2:00 pm, Friday January 17, at Black Family Cemetery, Hico, Texas.

Edwin Ray Black, age 73 of Hico, Texas, passed away on January 13, 2020 after a brief illness, at Providence Hospital in Waco, Texas. This world has lost a good man, a good father, a good grandfather, and a good friend of so many who knew him. Edwin was born the second oldest of the six children of Ed and Kay Black, on September 3, 1946 in Cleburne, Texas. The family moved to Hico when Edwin was three years old.

Edwin graduated from Hico High School in 1965. After graduation he left to do oil field work in Crane, Texas, then worked at General Dynamics from 1967-1970. After leaving General Dynamics, he was a foreman at the Golightly

Ranch in Hico, Texas from 1970-1978. After leaving the ranch he went into the feed business, opening Black's Feed Mill. Edwin operated the feed store for many years, where he was well known for his knowledge of feed, as well as how well he took care of his customers. The feed store was more than a business, it was also a place where people caught up on the local news. On a daily basis, folks would stop by just to visit. Many local citizens said they could get a great deal of wisdom from sitting around the feed store.

Edwin had three children: Christi, Clay, and Kevin. He was very proud of his family, and never passed up the opportunity to tell people about their accomplishments---such as his father's service in World War II, his hard-working and loving mother, and his children's success and their career choices. He loved his grandchildren, as well as any children that he knew and met.

Edwin loved agricultural life and had a passion for cattle, good horses, and rodeoing. Many times, he could look at a horse that was being led off by halter and determine if it would make a good one. Through the years he bought many good horses, keeping a few around to rope off of.

Above all, Edwin loved life, his family, and people. He was very generous and helped many people over the years. When people had a need and Edwin knew about it, they were taken care of. No telling how many times he pulled money out of his front shirt pocket and gave to people in need. Edwin and his family and friends also hauled and handed out county commodities in the Hico area, yet again just another way to help people. Someone once said, "If Edwin has money, everyone has money".

Preceding Edwin in death was his father, Ed Black, and sister, Edwina Rackley. He is survived by his mother, Kay Black; sister, Elizabeth Bryan and husband Rick of Hamilton, Texas; sister, Eldina Stearns of Santa Ana, Texas;

brother, Eldon Black and wife Verna of Hamilton, Texas; and brother, Kenneth Black and wife Melanie of Hico, Texas. Also surviving Edwin are his daughter, Christi Black Holt and husband Cliff of Hico, Texas; son, Clay Black of Hico, Texas; and son, Kevin Black and wife Chrisha of Kermit, Texas. Also surviving Edwin is lifelong friend, Charlotte Mason. He is also survived by ten grandchildren: Bryson Holt and fiancé Ashley McLean, Grayson Holt, Larson Holt, Kristin Holt, Christian Holt, Christopher Holt, Sam Black, KC Black, Dawson Black, Preslee Black, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Church Service

JAN 16. 5:30 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
Hico, TX 76457

Celebration of Life

JAN 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
Hico, TX 76457

Graveside Services

JAN 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Black Family Cemetery
Hico, TX

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Edwin was one of the most honest land owners that I ever leased from. He loved to mess with my grandson and my grandson thought the world of him. Gonna miss calling and talking to him about different things. May the Lord be with Edwin and his family. Thanks for everything my great friend. Cotton Bailey.

jerry bailey - January 22, 2020 at 05:22 PM

TF

“ One of the very first people we met when we moved to Hico. Whenever he saw our son he always stopped, smiled and stuck out his hand with a big, friendly "Hey, little buddy! How are you doing?" Made my son feel special in a new town. Came to find out that anyone running into Edwin left feeling that way...Heartfelt sympathies for the entire Black family.
Bill, Laurie and Taggert Thomas

The Thomas Family - January 16, 2020 at 11:54 AM

CP

“ Hico has lost a real treasure with Edwins passing. He was one of the first people, my husband, Jerry, met when we first bought our ranch in 1979. Edwin always had a friendly smile and plenty of free advice and encouragement for the new ranchers. My condolences to the family.
Carla B Peterman

Carla B Peterman - January 16, 2020 at 09:35 AM

WV

“ Edwin Ray was a great family friend of the Vinson family ! He was a great person and would give you the shirt off his back!!

Win Parr (Rosy Vinson) - January 15, 2020 at 06:03 PM

JW

“ Went to live with and work with the blacks in the winter of 73 . They were hard to work for ... froze my fingers feeding cattle got kicked in the head milking cows they put me on a wild pony and laughed when I bit the dust . Kenneth put ketchup in my coffee , and me and Eldon had a fight and he tried to drown me in a mud puddle or maybe it was the other way around . Later I worked for Edwin and he was hard to work for too. He knocked my two front teeth out with an auger at the feed mill . I don't think he did it on purpose lol. He paid for the root canal. All the blacks left a mark on me and I really miss Ed . If I could go back I would do it all again . They were there for me. I love em all ... happy trails Edwin

johnny whitworth - January 15, 2020 at 11:31 AM

RA

“ Edwin was a good friend to Ernest and Joann Thomas. This friendship was a tribute to his good character. The world is a little less with his passing.
Randall Anderson, Weatherford, TX - Administrator of the Ernest and Joann Thomas Estate.

Randall Anderson - January 15, 2020 at 11:19 AM

KF

“ Kay Barrett and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Edwin Ray Black.



Kay Barrett and family - January 14, 2020 at 01:06 PM

NM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Black family. May you have peace as these days come and go. Rest In Peace Edwin.



Noel Martin

noel martin - January 14, 2020 at 12:36 PM

SB

“ This is a family worth knowing. I had the privilege to be in that family for a good length of time and still feel bound to them thru nieces and nephews thank you Eldena. I am so sorry for the family's loss. Loosing a son and brother is one of the hardest things to rise from. I pray for peace for you family and Gods love to shine on you all. Sharon Benton



Sharon Bento - January 14, 2020 at 12:23 PM

JM

“ Edwin was always kind, witty and had a story to tell. There were trips to the sell barn, hay to be hauled or time spent at the feed mill instead of doing something else. All memories that I have treasured since moving from Hico but even more so now. God Bless his soul and my condolences to all. Even those who were not blood because he always made you feel like family.

Jenny Melton - January 14, 2020 at 07:51 AM

SG

“ Condolences to Edwin's family. He was definitely one of the " good ole boys". He will be missed.

Sam Glover

Sam Glover - January 14, 2020 at 07:35 AM

JB

“ Will miss his smiling face at the post office and Ranglers. Vic and Jan Barrera

jan barrera - January 14, 2020 at 06:29 AM

SM

“ Every memory of Edwin Ray is a good one. He could always make my mother, his Aunt Lil, laugh. He was always grinning and laughing. He was my favorite cousin when he handed me a bridle and say if you can catch him you can ride him. He knew how horse crazy I was as a kid. Years later we would exchange phone calls and run into each other at the Fort Worth Rodeo. We always picked up right where we left off the last time we talked. I will definitely miss him.

Sandy Younger Miller - January 13, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Edwin Ray Black.



January 13, 2020 at 09:34 PM

SC

“ I was saddened to hear of Edwins passing. Our community has lost a good man. My prayers and condolences to family. Suzanne Cimental

suzanne cimental - January 13, 2020 at 09:25 PM

WV

“ Wayne And Rexie Vanwinkle lit a candle in memory of Edwin Ray Black



Wayne and Rexie Vanwinkle - January 13, 2020 at 08:40 PM

AW

“ Art Woods lit a candle in memory of Edwin Ray Black



Art Woods - January 13, 2020 at 07:57 PM

AW

“ Edwin was always a good and honest man. He was a good friend to my dad, and to myself. There's very few people in this world whom I've respected more. We've lost a great man on earth, but heaven gain an awesome angel.

Art Woods - January 13, 2020 at 07:56 PM

MG

“ Good Man... sure will miss him! Alot of great memories! Continued Prayers for All!

Marla Garner Guinn

Marla Guinn - January 13, 2020 at 06:10 PM

SW

“ So sorry to hear about Edwin, so many memories of him, Christi, Clay and Kevin; sending my love to you all, Shani

Shani Williams - January 13, 2020 at 02:41 PM