



Dr. Johnny Bryan Putty

March 2, 1933 - February 27, 2021

Dr. Johnny Bryan Putty, age 87, of Hico, Texas, died Saturday, February 27, 2021.

Johnny was born March 2, 1933, in Texon, Texas, to William “Jack” and Addie Hilliard Putty. An only child, he grew up in the rugged oilfields of West Texas, often riding his horse to the county road to catch the school bus. In his youth, he played baseball, showed livestock, rode bulls and broncs in rodeo, was an amateur boxer, and cultivated the art of great storytelling.

After graduating from high school in Odessa, Johnny moved into his grandmother's spare bedroom in Stephenville to attend Tarleton State College. He went on to graduate with his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, now known as Texas A&M University, in 1958.

Dr. Putty returned to his hometown of Odessa to open his own practice, the Angel Veterinary Clinic. As conflict in Korea wore on, Johnny was called to service, receiving a commission in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps with the rank of Captain. He was stationed in Los Angeles, where he gained experience as a food safety inspector and provided care for guard dogs protecting missile silos along the California coastline.

After leaving the military, Johnny sold his practice in Odessa and settled on his ranch near Hico. There he pursued a career with the USDA Food and Safety Inspection Service, overseeing production at numerous food processing plants throughout Texas and neighboring states. He also served as president of the National Association of Federal Veterinarians before retiring to his ranch after 23 years with the USDA.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Judy Wyatt, and Sue Duncan Putty, mother of his eldest children.

Johnny is survived by his wife, Lee Putty; his children, Jamie and Monie Putty, Jackie Fouts, and Kyle Putty; and his grandchildren, Jonathan Wyatt, Jessica Wyatt, Jordan Putty, Krista Putty, Jared Putty, and Addie Fouts. Johnny's colorful stories and generous, loving heart are also cherished by the countless friends he gathered throughout his life.

Services will be held Friday, March 5, 2021, at the First United Methodist Church of Hico at 10 a.m., and will also be livestreamed at funchico.org/live-stream. Burial will follow at the Hico Cemetery. A guest registry will be available at Harvest Hills Funeral Home on Thursday, March 4, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The family request donations be made "Alzheimer's Texas" in lieu of flowers.

Cemetery Details

Hico Cemetery

Hico, TX 76457

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Harvest Hills Funeral Home
118 Second Street
Hico, TX 76457
(254) 796-4722
info@harvesthillsfuneralhome.com
<https://www.harvesthillsfuneralhome.com/>

Church Service

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
Hico, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Harvest Hill Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Johnny Bryan Putty*



Harvest Hills Funeral Home - March 05, 2021 at 09:38 AM

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“ *Worked along side with Dr. Putty at Armour Foods in the 70s. He was my father's pallbearer. He was a very caring and honest man. He will be deeply missed. My prayers for the family.*



Ronald Yancey - May 05, 2021 at 07:14 AM

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“ *Lee and Kyle, I was so sorry to real about Johnny's passing. It's been a while, but he was one you never forget. May God wrap his arms around you at this time.*

Bob Peak and Sara Mac Donald

Bob - March 05, 2021 at 12:41 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Johnny Bryan Putty.*



March 04, 2021 at 11:06 PM



“ *Lucille and I spent many happy moments with Johnny and Lee. Johnny was "one of a kind". He could lose his temper at the drop of a hat, but I don't think his anger lasted over a moment. He was a wonderful friend and he will be missed.*

Lucille and Charlie Dayton

Charlie Dayton - March 03, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ *Donald & Barbara Elkins purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dr. Johnny Bryan Putty.*



Donald & Barbara Elkins - March 01, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Johnny Bryan Putty.*



March 01, 2021 at 03:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dr. Johnny Bryan Putty.



March 01, 2021 at 12:06 PM