



Glen Woodruff

September 21, 1942 - March 31, 2022

Glen Woodruff was born September 21, 1942, to Ben and Brunette Woodruff. He was a Garwood Gar, a proud member of the FFA and football team. He claimed to have graduated from rancho tech and rice university, in choosing to be a 5th generation rancher and farmer. After graduation, he started at the top! He took his shovel and worked his way to the bottom (of the field)!

His greatest mentor was his father. He listened and learned from older, wiser men, including John Halamicek, George Rich, Charles Drapela, Gene Reitz, Adolph Pasak, Tom Melcher and more. He was a good steward of the land he worked. He never over-grazed or over-farmed God's ground, ensuring that his grandsons would be the 5th generation on the same ranch. He loved animals more than people, evident in his cattle, horses, cow dogs, cats, chickens, pet buzzards, deer, skunks, wild hogs, owls and more. He was an old-school man of his word; his handshake was a contract. He was a loyal friend and a fierce enemy. (He had a pistol in his boot for a reason.) You didn't wonder which you were or where he stood. He loved and hated wholeheartedly. He was a man of deep faith, but not organized religion.

Glen could talk his way out of a Colorado speeding ticket and into a guided elk hunt, turn a leaky radiator in Wyoming into lifelong friendships. Friends and strangers alike made for good conversations. When he came across a "lost cause" who needed a boost and a loan, he gave it. If you worked for him, you ate with him, and he considered you, his friend. It didn't matter if you were a mechanic, parts man, cobbler, accountant, plumber, waitress, banker or electrician, he liked you.

He might be challenged by a TV remote, but he could operate his equipment with finesse. He loved his cows, only retiring from ranching after a bout with shingles (Get your shot!) that kept him from walking well. A recent stroke finally did him in.

He and his family owned South Texas Fertilizer. Glen was an honorary FFA Chapter Farmer, a member of the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association, Independent

Cattlemen's Association, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and a Patron Life Member of the National Rifle Association. He was a director of the Wharton County Farm Bureau and Wharton County 100 Club. (He, Kathy and his folks were the first to sponsor pistols for the officers of the year and donated quartered calves to officers.) He was the Texas Game Warden Association Conservationist Member for 1986 and Region 4 Associate Member for 2000. He was a vocal member of the Republican Party: not politically correct, just correct. Glen was a proud supporter of the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department.

In his "first life" of 14 years, he and Donna had a great pair of kids. In his "second life" of going on 44 years, he and Kathy had another great pair of kids. At this point, Glen is better than "fair to middling", as he always said.

He will be greatly missed by Kathy, Terri, Jody and Sandra, Katie and Mike, Bennie and Valerie, grandkids Caitlin and Erick, Kimberly and Sergio, Rowdy, Mason, Logan; great grandson Kamdyn; nephew Jay and Tanya, niece Judy; 13 members of his class of '60, and countless close friends.

Honoring his wishes, there will be no funeral services. An ag pilot will spread his cremains over the ranch where he spent his entire working life. Donations in his memory can be made to Garwood Vol. Fire Department P.O. Box 131 Garwood, TX 77442

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Tribute Wall

AH

“ Alison Hunter lit a candle in memory of Glen Woodruff



Alison Hunter - April 06 at 02:20 PM

DT

“ I always enjoyed my encounters with Glenn & Kathy. Glenn was an unpretentious individual. His obituary could not have depicted him better. He was the real deal. Prayers for his loved ones as they grieve his loss.

Donna & Speck Thornton - April 05 at 09:00 PM

SS

“ Sandra Stary lit a candle in memory of Glen Woodruff



Sandra Stary - April 03 at 02:45 PM

CR

“ Cindy Riha lit a candle in memory of Glen Woodruff



Cindy Riha - April 02 at 10:48 PM

MZ

“ My sympathy is sent to the Woodruff family on the death of Glen Woodruff. Glen and Kathy's son Bennie married my great-niece Valerie Krenek Woodruff. I love this family very much, especially Bennie, Valerie, Mason, and Logan. Glen was a very likeable person and I enjoyed visiting with him and all of the Woodruff's whenever we had a get together. I have not been able to visit any of the Woodruff family since I entered the nursing home in Wharton. Glen will be missed and I know my precious great, great nephews, Mason and Logan will miss their Grandfather. May he rest in peace. Margaret Zahn, Wharton, Texas

Margaret Zahn - April 02 at 07:05 PM

MK

“ My condolences are sent to the Woodruff family on the passing of their loved one Glen Woodruff. My niece, Valerie Krenek Woodruff married Glen and Kathy's son Bennie Woodruff. I was able to visit with him and get to know him at a number of social events that were held at Valerie, Bennie, Mason, and Logan's home. He was quite a character with a "live and let live" attitude. He is the only person I have ever known that had pet buzzards and he loved and cared for those birds as he did with his other pets. Seriously, Glen worked hard in his life and loved his family, friends, acquaintances, and just about any stranger he came across. May he rest in peace. Mary Lou Krenek, Wharton and Egypt, Texas

Mary Lou Krenek - April 02 at 06:47 PM

CR

“ Sending prayers & deepest sympathy to the family.



Clarence & Judy Rohan - April 02 at 09:19 AM

RM

“ Rose Ann Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Glen Woodruff



Rose Ann Mitchell - April 02 at 08:42 AM

KK

“ Glen was always Very nice to me in school and always made a point to greet me where ever he saw me. God Bless the family.

kathryn krpec - April 01 at 08:39 PM

KK

“ Kathryn Krpec lit a candle in memory of Glen Woodruff



kathryn krpec - April 01 at 08:27 PM

JB

“ Glen taught me to drive a standard shift in that dune buggy. And then kept us from having a wreck when I was going to around a corner too fast.

Jeff Berger - April 01 at 08:04 PM

HC

“ Holly Waligura Class lit a candle in memory of Glen Woodruff



Holly Waligura Class - April 01 at 05:57 PM

LP

“ I used to work cattle with Glenn and his dad. Glenn was always fair and a good friend to me.
Rock (Larry) Popp



Larry Popp - April 01 at 05:52 PM

LF

“ I met Glen the year we were seniors in high school, and spent some time at the ranch. I loved his family dearly, including Big Momma & Big Daddy Green. Reading the obituary, it sounds to me as if he didn't change much from his principles and beliefs. Glad to have known him.
Linda (Selk) Fox

Linda Fox - April 01 at 04:34 PM

KK

Linda, please contact me on Facebook please...I'm Glen's daughter
Katie Kunz.

Katie Kunz - April 24 at 08:05 PM