



Raymond "Budgie" Zbitowsky

January 29, 1927 - June 29, 2024

Raymond Joseph "Budgie" Zbitowsky passed away on June 29, 2024 from complications of dementia. He was 97 years old. He was born January 29, 1927 in Brady, Texas to Joseph Henry Zbitowsky and Ethel Marie Clark. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Charles W. Zbitowsky, James "Speedy" Heard, and sisters Dorothy Marie Zbitowsky and Betty Jean Sharp.

It was said Budgie had a very tired guardian angel on his shoulder as he survived a dangerous illness as a child, working gas lines at 16, herding cattle on Pierce and Hancock ranches, rough necking from the late 1940's through the late '60's, calf roping at rodeos, the occasional Saturday night fight, imitating King Kong and numerous car wrecks. Through it all he made so many friends that he never went anywhere without running into someone he knew.

He married Patricia Frazier in 1960 and settled down to raise a daughter, Lisa. He became a pipefitter and was a member of Pipefitters' Local 211 for 49 years. He still rodeoed and showed horses when he could. He always wore his cowboy hat, jeans and boots. Every nephew, great nephew, great grandson, and a neighbor child went through their Budgie phase where all they would wear was what Uncle Bud wore.

He is survived by his wife Patricia, of 64 years, daughter Lisa, her husband Kenneth Tireman, Sr, children Kenneth Jr, Vicky Cantrell, Karri Alexander. Nieces- Cheryl Speed, Brenda George, Sharon Kucera, Charlette Savino,

Shelita Sharp-Cook, Shayna, Shebra Adler, Tradenda Kulchak, Samantha Callahan . Nephews – James Zbitowsky, Jr., Jay Heard, Cody Lee, Jason May and Chad May. And many great and grand nieces and nephews.

A Memorial service will be held at Triska Funeral Home on July 13, 2024 at 2:00pm.

The family asks that donations be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children or an animal rescue of choice in lieu of flowers.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond "Budgie" Zbitowsky.*



July 11, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ *Cathy and Jason May planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond "Budgie" Zbitowsky.*

Cathy and Jason May - July 11, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ *Lu Matzke lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Budgie" Zbitowsky*



lu matzke - July 11, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ *Shirley Popp lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Budgie" Zbitowsky*



Shirley Popp - July 10, 2024 at 12:45 PM

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Zbitowsky's passing. I have so many childhood memories of spending time with the Zbitowsky's. Sending love & prayers to all of the family.*

Cindy Pittman - July 06, 2024 at 11:56 AM