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Ronald M. Bennett

July 30, 1942 - February 28, 2012



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Ronald M. Bennett passed from this life into the arms of his Lord and Savior on Feb. 28, 2012. He was born in Brownsville on July 30, 1942, to Coleman and Irene Bennett. He is survived by Sheila Bennett, his wife of 45 years; and his children Greg Bennett (wife Beth) of Maricopa, Ariz.; daughter Stacey Minor (husband Howard) of New Braunfels, and son Travis Bennett of Luling. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and his brother, Jim Bennett (wife Nola) of Byford, W.A., Australia.

Ron was a musician in the U.S. Navy and was self-taught on the guitar, banjo, fiddle, ukulele and bagpipes just to name a few. No matter which instrument played, he and his hound-dog, Gracie, would entertain family and friends with their duets. As soon as Ron plucked the first chord, Gracie would be at his feet waiting to sing.

Ron was a Texas State Game Warden for 31 years and served as bagpiper of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Honor Guard. He would laugh at how protective the game wardens were of "their" bagpiper not allowing any outsiders to poke fun of his kilt.

After retirement Ron worked part-time as bailiff for Kendall County Court of Law where he was said to serve "milk and cookies" to the prisoners with a kind word or encouragement.

While co-editor of "The Texas Game Warden" magazine Ron used his artistic ability to illustrate stories and fill space. Always with a heart for the military, during his son's deployment he personalized birthday cards for approximately 140 soldiers as well as drawing morale boosting "stealth" cartoons which would mysteriously appear around the operations center. A drawing by Ron of three soldiers killed during deployment now hangs in the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Ga.

Ron served as Scoutmaster of Comfort Boy Scout Troop 571 for 12 years and Assistant Scoutmaster for three years.

Upon the original diagnosis of cancer Ron's prayer was that he would finish the race well. Family and friends know that Jesus surely greeted Ron with "well done good and faithful servant" as Ron lived his faith. God richly blessed family and friends through Ron's infectious laugh and gentle and kind spirit.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Hill Country Memorial Hospital and Drs. Matthew Hoermann, Lance Love, Kevin Gallagher. A special thanks to Dr. Mark DeLeon and his staff who were not afraid to open their hearts knowing full well the final outcome. Who would ever think a person could look forward to chemo but Ron did.

Visitation will be at Schatter's Funeral Home, Comfort, on March 2, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Funeral services will be officiated by Rev. Jim Holt at Comfort Baptist Church March 3 at 10 a.m. with interment at Comfort Cemetery. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Voice of the Martyrs, c/o Comfort Baptist Church, P.O. Box 86, Comfort, Texas 78013, Hill Country Memorial Hospital or the charity of their choice.