



Alvis Terrell "Tommy " Coleman

November 27, 1937 - October 28, 2016

Alvis Terrell "Tommy" Coleman, 78, of Madisonville, TX; passed away on October 28, 2016 in Bryan, TX. The visitation will be held on Monday, October 31st from 10-12 at The First Baptist Church in Madisonville, TX. A celebration of Tommy's life will be held at noon also at The First Baptist Church with the burial to follow at Ten Mile Cemetery. Joshua Crutchfield and Travis Kankey will officiate.

Tommy was born on November 24, 1937 in Parkdale, AR to Jesse Alvis and Addie Lura (Knight) Coleman and was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Marlys Ann Hill.

Tommy graduated from Eudora High School in 1955 and attended college in Monroe, LA; Ouachita Baptist in Arkadelphia, AR, and Reppert School of Auctioneering.

Tommy is survived by his wife of forty years, Anita Lorraine Coleman; his daughter, Toma Renea Lee and husband Curtis of Monticello, AR; his son, Alvis Terrell Coleman II and his wife Marcia of Marshall, TX; his son, David Terrell Coleman and his wife Nicole of Madisonville, TX; his grandchildren, Adam Coleman and his wife Rebecca, Gale Lee, Grace Lee, Luke Coleman, and Will Coleman; his great grandson, John Wyatt Coleman; and his sister, Sue Pieroni and her husband Vincent of Lake Village, AR.

Tommy was born in Southeast Arkansas to a cotton farmer and rancher. He learned at an early age what hard work was all about. As he grew up he developed a love for auctioneering. At the age of 18 he went to Auctioneer School and began to learn the trade that would become his life's profession. Throughout Tommy's auction career he sold many types of auctions including auto auctions, equipment auctions and the occasional bake sale. But his true passion was in the Livestock Industry. Tommy was a full time livestock auctioneer for 50 years. He not only was the auctioneer but he owned multiple livestock auctions in his lifetime including one in Marshall, TX and one in Madisonville, TX. Tommy truly loved helping the farmers and ranchers in his community. His goal was to always make sure his customers received the best price for the cattle they brought to his auction. Since 2007 when Tommy "retired" from auctioneering, he began a new life's work, at Coleman Auto Sales. He continued to prove his ethics of hard work and dedication in this business. Many times he would go above and beyond to help his customers. Finally, Tommy was a wonderful family man. Nothing was more important to him than his family. He would gladly go without in order to provide his family with whatever they needed. He worked many long hours and drove thousands of miles a week to selflessly give to his family and others. Tommy Coleman will be truly missed.

Pallbearers: Ray Goodrum, Gus Wehmeyer, Jim Miller, Travis Kankey, Tony Leago, and Tom Quarles.

Cemetery Details

Ten Mile Cemetery

Madisonville, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
300 S Elm St
Madisonville, AK 77864
<http://www.madisonvillefbc.org/>

Service

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Tribute Wall

BC

“ Lorraine and David and other family members - I was saddened to hear about the passing of Tommy. I remember as a young gal in her 20's meeting Mr. Tommy for the first time while working in the office at Marshall's sale barn. My father-in-law (Ken Lay) who worked for Mr. Tommy helped me get a job there working with Shirley in the office. Being young my first impression of him was that he was so serious and had a dry sense of humor. As time went on I soon discovered his great sense of humor and found out you couldn't have asked for a better, hard-working person. He will always be in my memories of life and times at that ole sale barn. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Brenda Lay Crump Karnack, Texas

Brenda Lay Crump - November 03, 2016 at 12:48 PM

CW

I remember Tommy from the Livestock Auction Salebarn in Eudora Arkansas where he was an auctioneer. Tommy and his father Mr Alvin Coleman had over 400 head of cattle and farmland. I worked at the Eudora salebarn on and off for 4 years combined. I love every minute of it. Tommy use to call me "his boy". A family friend worked for Tommy's dad and Tommy; the worker was named Clemon Jones. Even back during late 1960's and 1970s...Tommy bought and resold cars and trucks. Tommy once lived across the street from the salebarn in Eudora. At one point, Tommy had slightly over 100 hogs located in the back of the salebarn. Yes, he had a wry sense of humor. I left Eudora in 1974 and moved to Houston Texas. As the old saying goes, the rest is history. I heard about the salebarn Tommy owned in Marshall Texas. But I never visited the place. It seems like once the salebarn gets into your blood it stays there. Rest on Tommy Coleman. I remember you as the fancy dressing cowboy.

Clarence Walker - May 31, 2021 at 12:51 AM

ST

“ *Lorraine, David, Terrell, and Toma Lee., I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Tommy. He was a fine man., and will be missed by many. Our prayers are with each of you and the family.*

Sandra & Tommy Toole - Marshall, Texas

Sandra Toole - November 03, 2016 at 08:02 AM

GS

“ *Your auction family @ GSBAA wishes to offer our condolences with the loss of your father. You and your families will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,
Steve, Keith & Staff @ GSBAA*

GSBAA - October 31, 2016 at 04:55 PM



Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kind words

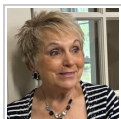
Lorraine Coleman - November 21, 2016 at 07:15 PM

VF

“ *Mrs. Coleman, David, and family members. Please accept our sympathy for the loss of your husband, your father, and grandfather. May he rest in peace. Virgil and Margaret Foster*



Virgil and Margaret Foster - October 31, 2016 at 12:38 PM



Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Lorraine Coleman - November 21, 2016 at 11:58 AM

KB

“ *i was so sorry to hear about Tommy. He has been a good friend of mine for many, many years and will be missed. I have many good memories of hanging out with him at the sale barn over the years.*

*Kenneth H. Garrett
Chireno Tx*

KARA BRILEY - October 31, 2016 at 10:59 AM



I'm so sorry for the delay in posting this reply. I'm struggling daily but I know with the Lord's help I will get through this. Tommy always considered you such a good friend.

Lorraine Coleman - November 21, 2016 at 12:01 PM

Sara
Ross

“ *Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs.
I am so sorry for your loss.*



Sara Ross - October 31, 2016 at 09:36 AM

JM

“ *Jamie Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of
Alvis Terrell "Tommy " Coleman*



Jamie moore - October 29, 2016 at 03:31 PM



Thank you so much

Lorraine Coleman - November 21, 2016 at 12:01 PM

JM

“ *Jamie Moore lit a candle in memory of Alvis Terrell "Tommy " Coleman*



Jamie moore - October 29, 2016 at 03:30 PM



Thank you very much

Lorraine Coleman - November 21, 2016 at 12:02 PM

RM

“ *Roberta Jean Murphy lit a candle in memory of Alvis Terrell "Tommy " Coleman*



Roberta Jean Murphy - October 29, 2016 at 03:24 PM



Thank you for your thoughtfulness

Lorraine Coleman - November 21, 2016 at 12:02 PM

TC

“Trant and I really enjoyed our time and conversations we had with Mr. Coleman. There is one evening that we went by their house to just discuss a fence building project. He invited us in as Mrs. Coleman was cleaning up after supper. Luke and Will were there, which we knew was their second home. We sat down and in conversation, Mrs. Coleman told us their love story. Mr. Coleman sat there and listened and grinned the entire time with Luke perched on his lap. I could see then the love he had for, not only his wife, but his family too. I remember he gave Luke a kiss and told Trant that he was Poppa's boy. Luke just smiled and was perfectly content in his arms while Will was stretched out in his Poppa's recliner. After she finished, Mrs. Coleman took us down the hallway and into their room, proudly showing us family pictures and their marriage license. The Lord has blessed Trant and I, surrounding us with couples that have godly marriages, lasting 40, 50, 65 years. I will never forget the love I saw that evening between the two of them. Mrs. Coleman, David, Nichole, and boys, We are so truly sorry for y'all's loss. He reminded me so much of my grandfather. We love you and will keep you all in our prayers. The Lord took a good man home yesterday.

Trant and Mindy Crouch - October 29, 2016 at 03:20 PM



I apologize for the delay in posting this. I was so happy to read all the sweet sweet kind words you had to say. you'll never know how much I appreciate them. It's good to know that you were here a month or two before he passed and were able to listen to our love story. He truly was and is the love of my life. With the Lords goodness and Grace I will get through this. 40 years together and yet it seems like such a short short time. Thank you again

Lorraine Coleman - November 21, 2016 at 12:05 PM