



Melvin Burl Hanks

February 7, 1929 - July 13, 2019

Melvin Burl Hanks of Byars, Oklahoma was born February 7, 1929 in McGee I.T. Oklahoma north of the old McGee school house to Thed and Ruby (Roberts) Hanks. He passed away Saturday July 13, 2019 in Eufaula, Oklahoma at the age of 90 years 5 months and 6 days. He was a Rancher/Farmer and had a passion for each. He was held out of school when he was a young boy and helped with the family farm, where he learned how to handle mule teams to plow, plant, and cultivate. He often talked about how he enjoyed watching the earth roll over as he plowed. He tried other jobs, he was the ice man in Wanette, and apprentice electrician at O.U., but always returned to farming and ranching. He came from the horse and buggy days to the diesel tractor working on the H.G. Little cattle Ranch south of Wanette, Oklahoma, till his retirement at the Thompson Cattle Company in Byars, Oklahoma.

Preceded by; his parents Thed and Ruby Hanks, first wife Dorothy, second wife Rozella; one brother; James L. Hanks, and one son David, one grandson Jeremy.

Survivors; 2 daughters; Melvenia Walker, Stratford, OK; Liz Christian of Eufaula, OK; two sons; Gary Hanks, of Eufaula, and Ray Keesee of Yukon, OK.
two brothers; Gerald Hanks & wife Jane of Hallsville, TX; Bob Hanks & wife

Cheryll of Wentzville, MO.; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation; Monday July 15, 2019 at DeArman/Pickard Funeral Home Stratford, Oklahoma. from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Graveside Services; 10:00 AM Tuesday July 16, 2019 in Byars cemetery, Byars, OK. Officiating; Rev. Steve Lance.

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Burl Hanks*

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