



Leonard Ridenhour

April 27, 1919 - March 14, 2009

Leonard Fred Ridenhour, 89, of Waldron, Arkansas passed away Saturday, March 14, 2009 at a Waldron nursing home.

Leonard was born April 27, 1919 to Decatur and Daisy (Pointer) Ridenhour in Wyandotte, Oklahoma. He spent most of his adult life in Scott County.

Leonard enjoyed being with family, friends, and never lost the desire to be around people.

Leonard owned and operated the livestock auction and did auctioneering for 50 years in Waldron. He served on the Scott County Farm Board and served as chairman for about 20 years. Out of all the work he did, his real passion was his Hereford Cattle business.

Leonard was a member of Haw Creek Baptist Church.

Leonard is survived by three sons, Leonard Ed & wife Deidre of Boles, AR; Kenneth & wife Sherry of Waldron, AR; Freddie & wife Cheril of Waldron, AR; three daughters Jean Solomon & husband Jim of Waldron, AR; Karen Broomfield & husband Delmo of Benton, AR and Susan Hale & husband Link of Benton, AR. Leonard is also survived by a special friend and caregiver Joanna Jamerson Rhyne. Leonard is survived by 18 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren.

Leonard is preceded in death by a granddaughter Donna Joyce Ridenhour, his father Decatur and his mother Daisy (Pointer) Ridenhour; five brothers: Johnny, Ed, Art, Wade and Rainey Ridenhour and two sisters, Mae Jacobia, and Martha Franklin.

Leonard's funeral service will be at Haw Creek Baptist Church at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 18th, 2009 with Rev. John Elmore officiating with interment in Duncan Cemetery under the direction of the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Randy Solomon, Mitch Ridenhour, Bradley Ridenhour, Chad Broomfield, Shawn Ridenhour, Wade Ridenhour, and Parker Hale. Honorary pallbearers will be Leonard McDaniel, Neal Jester, Justin Beaty, Bill Francis, Butch Morgan, Jerry Beaty, Wayne Meeks, Eugene Dedmon, Henry Bell Thompson, Donnie Jones, Doug White, Joe Boy Brown, and W.W. "Dick" Davis.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 15, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Tuesday, March 17, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Leonard's family will receive friends Tuesday, March 17, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

SY

“ *There was nothing in the world like going to the sale barn on Saturday to see the animals. So sorry for your loss.*

Susan Jones Young - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *I knew Leonard for the 25 years that I lived in Waldron. I always enjoyed being around him and his sons. We all have to go sometime, but some are missed more than others. Leonard was one of those. He will be remembered for many years to come, as long as those who knew him live. My sincere condolences.*

Tatum Tanner - April 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Linda and Family so sorry to hear about your Dad, We will keep you all in our prayers.*

Leroy Livesay - March 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *Susan, I agree with so many who have sent messages that thinking of your dad always brings a smile to my face. Memories are sweet. Blessings to you and your family, Brenda*

Dwayne & Norma (Hines) Jenik - March 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I want to send my deepest sympathies to the Ridenhour Family. My prayers are with you during this time of sorrow.

*James B. Jett & family
216 High Grove Circle
West Columbia, SC 29170
jjett@sc.rr.com*

Brenda (Phillips) Hayes - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Just wanted to say how Sorry we are all about Leonard...It really is hard to lose your parents...The kids were sorry that they couldn't be here, but just to far away..and Bobbye Sue had to go out on the truck that day...So take care ..love you guys...Phillis and family

Teresa Houston Culpepper - March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ To all the Ridenhour family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Leonard was a great man, who was liked by all who knew him. Love, Teresa

patsy & charlie vaughan - March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ To the family we would like to say
that our community just won't be the same without Leonard. He had so
many friends and many good qualities. We will miss him coming
by the Ct House. He would always
make our day! May you find comfort
in the many fond memories.
patsy & charlie

Mike and Bobbye Sue Bunten - March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ To Leonard's family, we want to express our deepest sympathy for your loss. Leonard was a special part of our lives through Joanna for many years and we will miss him (and all his humor and stories!).

gary woodard - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Sorry for your loss leonard was a friend to everyone he came in contact with.

Brad and Sharla Evans - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during your time of loss.

Crystal Johnson - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

David and Melody Buzby - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ David and I always look forward to a visit from Leonard and Joanne when we were in Waldron to visit my Mom Connie and Step Dad Bill Francs. We could sit for hours and listen to Leonard's stories. What a great man he was. We will always remember Leonard and will miss him. God speed Leonard.

Hona & Dale Tanner - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Leonard was very special i loved him very much he will always be in my heart.

Cheryl (Zimmer) Berkshire - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Sid & Jan Hunt - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ My deepest sympathies. You guys are in my thoughts and prayers..

Ed & Paula Decker - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. There are many treasured stories of "The Big Dutchman" in Waldron that will bring smiles to faces for many years to come.

Jim and Angie Rhyne - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ I remember your Father being kind to my Grandfather Wilson. Your Dad had a lot of fine children too. His slideshow memorial was a great tribute. Sorry for your Loss.

Harvey and Donna Ridenhour - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Leonard Ridenhour--a true American Cowboy! Harvey says he's somewhere between John Wayne and God. There's no one like Leonard. Last of his family. Last of the Ridenhour Brothers. Harvey and I fell in love with Leonard when we came back to Waldron in 1998. He took us under his wing. There was a spot driving from Waldron to Mena he stopped by the roadside looked up at the trees ahead, said that is the most beautiful sight in America. A great man! Never forgotten. He will be the center of stories around town forever.
Our hearts and prayers are with you.
Harvey Wade and Donna Jean Ridenhour

Pat Ridenhour - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for awhile, leave footprints on our hearts and we are never; ever the same.

Merle A Ridenhour - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you all during this time.
Ann

Erika (Ridenhour) Hardee - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ So sorry to hear about your dad. Enjoyed watching the "memory" video...I'll be praying for you all during this tough time!

Ann Bingham - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ To the Ridenhour family, our prayers will be with you for God to give you comfort and support at this difficult time. Leonard leaves a lot of memories for all the Waldron citizens and his family, may those memories last you all a lifetime. Jerry and Judy Montgomery

Melody (Jett) Graham - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Flint and I send our sincere condolences to the entire Ridenhour family, with your loss of Leonard Fred Ridenhour.

My sweet Aunt, Joana 'Jameson' Rhyne had been Leonard's caregiver for some time, prior to his being hospitalized and admittance to the Waldron Nursing Center.

May pleasant memories of your loved one, bring you comfort in the following years.

Flint and Mary 'Hoffman' George

Jerry and Judy Montgomery - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ sorry about your loss. We will keep your family in our prayers.

Mary 'Hoffman' George - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ JOANNA RHYNE, KATHY & KENNEY, and family and the LEONARD RIDENHOUR CHILDREN. YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON YOUR LOSS OF LEONARD. YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS AT THIS SAD TIME.

Todd & Tammy Dedmon - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Our sympathies are with the family.*

CECELIA PRESTON - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *The family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Bill and Paige*

John and Margaret Wagner - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *We are so sorry to hear about Leonard. Our heart and prayers are
with you all. God Bless*

linda hunt - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *Jean our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family on the
loss of your Dad.....Bill and Carolyn*

Robert&Linda Jett - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *Lenorad's Family --Our Prayers and Thoughts are with you during
this time - Evertt and Earlene Coplan*

Bill and Carolyn Needham - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *sorry to hear Leonard passed away him and my uncle Lee Peterson
were real good friends*

Randal and Fran Broomfield - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Leonard was a very special guy. He well be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jerry Douglas - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ To All of Leonard's Family,

I have many fond memories of going to the sale barn. As I look back, it reminds me of how much Leonard and his family enjoyed the cattle business, the land, and all the many things "good" people enjoy. I recall my last conversation of about a year ago with Leonard and Kenneth, and Leonard's memory of years ago amazed me.

With the passing of time, I know there will be many times where you'll remember all those treasured memories!

My love and blessings to you all, most especially my classmate Freddie and my special friend Sherry!
Cathy

Rhonda James - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ I will always have good memories of Leonard. He always had a joke to tell, no matter what the situation was he could bring a smile to your face. Here's to you Leonard I know you are telling jokes to the angels right now! Happy Trails Cowboy.

Cathy Keener - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with your family.

jerry & susan davis - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Leonard was one of the best friends my Dad and I had. He helped us through many hard times, a fine man in his on way. I am honored to have known him.

Roger & Jana Holcomb Family - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To Leonard's Family, our thoughts and prayers are for each of you during this time. God Bless.

Delbert Stallings - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Leonard was always good to me, kind and helpful. He will be very missed in Scott County and the many lives that he touched.

Roy & Carolyn Killion - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Freddie, we are saddened to hear of your dad's passing. He was such a great man , we really enjoyed the tales he would tell of the old days. He will be missed by all. Our deepest sympathy to all the family.

Cindy Black - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ My memories of Big Leonard,was most memorable for lessons learned while working my first job ever at the sale barn.He not only paid us, but tolerated our foolishness as young boys.

We're sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers for the family.

Randy & Tawana Redmon - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *We are sorry to hear about your loss*

Billy Don & Jodi Hoffman - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Big Leonard was always a special man, and I was very fond of him. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. I love you all, and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Love,

Darla

Eugene Jett & Family - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *Leonard Ridenhour*

Bette & Bill Newborn - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM