

David Ray Hughes



GRAFORD – David Ray Hughes, 63, of Graford, Texas, died at his home Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010, following a valiant battle with cancer.

Service is 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Adell Christian Fellowship, 101 Adell Road. Burial will follow at Graford Cemetery. Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Friday at Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home in Mineral Wells. Pallbearers are Eddie MCcrary, Lee Gregory, Denny Cline, Dick Hanlon, Monte Heishman, Rhonda Wall, Bill Bowen, Pat Coker and Charlie Hughes. Honorary pallbearers are each and every member of the Barebow fraternity.

David was born May 28, 1947, in Dallas to Elmer Boyd Hughes and Nelda Mae Harper Hughes. David grew up and attended school in Irving. David retired from Sheet Metal Workers Union 68. David was a member of Oran Baptist Church of Oran, Texas.

On July 11, 1993, David and Donna Jo Kimberly were married at the Longview Archery Range with many of his large family of archery in attendance.

David's archery legacy began in 1963 and when 15 years old David joined the Texas Field Archery Association. That same year he helped organize the IBA, Irving Bowhunters Association. David had no way of knowing he was about to embark on a lifetime in archery where he would become one of the best in archery history.

Within two years of joining TFAA, David won his first state championship. Following that state tournament, David's archery became an inspiration for both the young and the more experienced. This love and dedication to the sport would continue throughout his life. His accomplishments included four world championships, 14 national championships, numerous state championships, 10 sectional championships, three Las Vegas championships and the San Diego World Open, where David smashed the existing record with an aggregate score of 2,744 out of a perfect 2800. Many of the records David set in archery still stand today. David was inducted into the Texas Field Archery Hall of Fame in 2005 and the National Hall of Fame in 2008.

David will be remembered for his dedication to family, church friends, the sport of archery and in his love for all things in nature.

David is survived by his wife, Donna, of Graford; his mother, Nelda Mae Harper Hughes, of Graford; sister, Carolyn Mae Hughes Davis, of Mineral Wells; daughters, Laurie Dee Hughes, of Irving, Texas, and Tammy Diane Hughes, of Albuquerque, N.M.; sons, David Ray Hughes II and wife, Jessica, of San Marcos, Texas, and Richie Edward Wolfing and wife, Dee Dee, of Splendora, Texas; granddaughters, Courtney Rae Diann Hughes and Kloe Grace Hughes, of Albuquerque, N.M., and Wendy Michelle Wolfing and Jacque Nicole Leggett, of Splendora, Texas; grandsons, Devin Ray Hughes, David Ray Hughes III, Cameron Blaine Hughes, Murry Tyler Hughes, Christopher Riley Hughes and Ethan Reed Hughes, of San Marcos, Texas; and his family in archery, his family in Christ and numerous relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Elmer Boyd Hughes, on Dec. 9, 2004.