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Tex was the 12th of 13 children born to John L. (Buster) and Annie Ford of Knox County, Texas. He was raised on a dry land cotton farm and graduated from Munday High School. He excelled in track and was voted "Most Handsome Boy" as a senior. At 17 he met Wynell Cobb of Haskell, Texas at a local roller skating rink; she was destined to be his lifelong companion.

After graduating and completing the cotton harvest, he left Texas to seek his way in the world.

He took a bus to southern California where two brothers lived and looked for work. His strong work ethic was evident - as was his cowboy boots and hat attire. He found immediate employment and was given the appropriate nickname "Tex".

In 1951 he returned to Texas for an unannounced visit. In less than two and a half weeks they

married, then moved to California and began a journey of 70 years together. They had three children: Rick (1952), Vicki (1954) and Lauri (1959).

As a teenager he committed his life to Christ. He was a wonderful man of God who lived a Christian life in both word and action. At 23 he was ordained by the Lemon Grove Baptist Church to serve as a deacon. He served the Lord wherever he lived, in whatever role needed, for as long as he was able.

Tex's greatest legacy is one of love. He loved God, he loved his wife, he loved his family, he loved the Church, he loved people...and he loved work.

For 23 years his career was grocery. He clerked, stocked, managed and owned. He became the district manager for M&S Food Brokers. Still, farming roots were strong. In 1974, he and Wynell joined an exodus of friends from California and moved to the Northwest. Tex cut the sleeves from his dress shirts and traded a city commute for an orchard in Malaga, Washington. He grew apples and apricots for the next 40 years. Apricots were the primary crop and he built a packing and storage facility. His "Good Tern" label was known for quality and sold all over the United States. He served as Washington Apricot Commission president for many years. When health began to make farming difficult, he and his grandson Aaron started the

current residential
development of Apricot Hill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, nine brothers and two sisters. He leaves behind one brother Lynn, his wife Wynell, son Rick Ford (Patsy), daughters Vicki Young (Richard) and Lauri Hallock (Barry). He leaves 12 grandchildren: Aaron Young (Kara), Tawnya Young, Alethea Ford, Brooke Boon (Brian), Seth Hallock (Angie), Tristan Ford, Jordan Cooper (Kari), Ryan Hallock (Jessica), Johnna Young, Elizabeth McCune (Kirk), Preston Young, and Graham Cooper. Eleven great grandchildren: Johnathan Young (Paige), Matthew Young, Lauryn and Collin Boon, Anastacia Ellis, Emery and Kennedy Cooper, Zoe, Hudson, and Teddy Hallock, Mycroft McCune, and great great grandchild Clay Young.

The Tex Ford Family wishes to express deep gratitude to the caring and compassionate staff of Fieldstone Memory Care.

Memorial service will be held at Saddlerock Church, 1400 S. Miller St. Wenatchee, Saturday, August 20, at 2:00 p.m.

Tribute Wall

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“*Tex will forever be remembered as the sweetest gentlest man. We loved and cared for him with the utmost compassion and love. Tex, you left a forever spot in our hearts.*”

Stephanie Greening - August 19, 2022 at 05:49 PM

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“*Tex was a wonderful man. He was also my father-in-law for quite a while. Honest, kind, loyal and hard working are a few of the ways I would describe him. I've known him since the early 70s when they moved up here. His love of coffee is legendary. His love for his family was extraordinary. I know Wynell, Lauri, Vicki and Rick are especially hurting now. The extended family the same. He always treated me with kindness, even in the tough times. I have nothing but fond memories of Tex. I miss him, too. I know Wynell will carry on for him. My condolences to all of his family.*”

Randy W. Cooper - August 16, 2022 at 08:05 PM