## **Charles Richard Barrett**

Charles Richard Barrett, 81, passed away on October 20, 2022, at United Regional Hospital in Wichita Falls, TX surrounded by his family. He was born on January 26, 1941, in Lampasas, TX to Orion Overton Barrett "Red" and Yvonne Smith Barrett. A funeral service will be held at Sneed-Carnley Funeral Chapel, 201 E. Third St. Lampasas, TX, at 3 pm Tuesday, October 25, 2022, with a visitation an hour prior. The family will be greeting friends and relatives at that time. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lampasas.

Charles grew up in Lampasas and graduated from Lampasas High School. After high school, he had various jobs around town and joined the Army National Guard, and the Lampasas Volunteer Fire Department, where through mutual contacts, he would meet the love of his life, Sharon Sue Nance. They were married on June 17, 1965. He then sought employment with the Austin Police Department and soon became a Police Officer. Charles discovered what he was meant to do, and with his fair nature and golden heart picked the perfect career choice. He would continue in Law Enforcement and was promoted through the ranks. He then found something that added even more meaning to his given profession, Law Enforcement Training. He transferred to the training section shortly thereafter. He took to instruction with passion and soon began working with many other agencies in the Austin area. He would soon find a new job that would take him to the next level of his professional career when he was hired by The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) later changed to (TCOLE). Charles traveled the entire State of Texas, teaching various departments and officers the professional standards that law enforcement was evolving toward. Although he was very guiet, he rarely found himself alone. He would acquire lifelong friends all over the state. Charles worked at TCOLE until he retired after 33 years of faithful and distinguished service.

After retiring, Charles moved to Nocona, Texas to enjoy life raising cows and enjoying old westerns and football on TV. He would spend his time tinkering with his tractor or other projects in his shop. Charles was affectionately known as Pop, and he missed his Grammy (Sue) for the last several years. He and Sue had been happily married for 43 years when he lost her. Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Orion and

Yvonne; his brother, Ronnie; his niece, Shelly; his nephew, Troy, and his precious wife, Sue.

He is survived by his sons, Clint Barrett and his wife, Allison and their children, Hunter and Cassie Nan of Round Rock; his son, Bryan and wife, Nichole and their daughter, Katy and Pop's great-grandson, Beau of Nocona; daughter, Callie and Luke Schaffner of Petrolia, and son, Taylor of Wichita Falls. Charles is also survived by his brother, Gary Barrett of Lampasas and his nieces, Amy Barrett, Anne Winans and husband, Wayne and nephew, Eric Barrett. Charles was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lampasas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations are made to Nocona or Petrolia Volunteer Fire Departments.