



Howard "Carl" Key

November 5, 1952 - December 9, 2023

Howard "Carl" Carlton Key passed away Saturday, December 9, 2023, in Emory, Texas. He was born November 5, 1952, in Fresno, California to Howard and Barbara Key. Carl grew up in the mountains of Oakhurst, California with his parents and sister Debbie. As a teenager, Carl moved to Arlington, Texas where he met Cathy. The two were married on May 30, 1970, and celebrated their first Christmas with their oldest daughter Amy. Carl learned carpentry from his father at a young age and carried on with the trade after he moved to Texas. This led to a short relocation in San Antonio. In 1974, the family moved to Garland and two years later welcomed their second daughter Amanda. Eager to escape the growing city and live in the country, Carl moved his girls to Rains County in 1986 and began Key Construction. Carl was a member of Emory Baptist Church and was involved with Alcoholics Anonymous.

He is preceded in death by his parents Howard Key and Barbara Morris, sister Debbie Key, and wife Cathy Zimmer. Carl is survived by daughters Amy and husband Brent Sellers of Lindale, Amanda Key of Alba, grandchildren Cody and Kelsey Luckett, Caden Luckett and fiancé Kaitlyn, Carly Hollingshead, Cainan and Jessica Hollingshead, great-granddaughter Gracie, and sister-in-law Cindy and Ken Murray of Lindale.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **10**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Rocky Point Community Center
County Road 1156
Emory, TX 75440