



William "Buddy" Holcomb

October 20, 1945 - October 22, 2025

William "Buddy" Norman Holcomb of Zavalla, Texas, passed away peacefully on October 22, 2025, in Woodville, Texas, surrounded by love. He was 80 years old.

Buddy was born on October 20, 1945, in Groves, Texas, to Evelyn (Morris) and Talmadge Raymond Holcomb. He grew up in a close-knit family that taught him the values of hard work, loyalty, and quiet kindness—qualities he carried with him throughout his life.

Buddy spent much of his life working on a tugboat, where he served both as an operator and as the cook. He loved the water and took great pride in his work, finding peace in the steady rhythm of life along the water. Though he was a solitary man by nature, Buddy had a generous heart and a strong sense of community. He was known around his neighborhood for mowing lawns—never happier than when he was on his riding mower—and for looking after those around him.

He enjoyed watching old black-and-white Westerns and cherished the time he spent with his nieces and nephews, to whom he was especially close. His faithful dog Teresa was his constant companion and brought him great comfort and joy.

Buddy is survived by his nieces Ramona Partain, Lisa Dove, and Brandie Bumgardner; nephew Michael W. Holcomb; several great and great-great nieces and nephews; his beloved dog Teresa; and very special friends and neighbors—his “adopted family”—Angel and Dewey Day.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Evelyn and Raymond Holcomb; his sister, Lillian “Ann” Holcomb-Kramer; his brother, Michael R. Holcomb; brother-in-law, Errol Kramer; and his loyal dog Diego.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to Woodville Health and Rehab and Affinity Hospice for the compassionate care they provided in Buddy's final days.

In keeping with his wishes, Buddy will be cremated, and no formal services will be held. His family and friends will remember him for his quiet strength, his generosity, and his steady presence in their lives.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Love and miss him so much!! He will missed so much!! Love you Mr Buddy!!*



Angel Day - October 24, 2025 at 02:30 PM

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“ *Rachel Wilson lit a candle in memory of William "Buddy" Holcomb*



Rachel Wilson - October 23, 2025 at 03:17 PM