



Raymond Clay Kothmann

November 9, 1929 - May 19, 2018

Raymond Clay Kothmann passed away early Saturday morning, May 19, 2018 at the age of 88. He was born November 9, 1929 in Mason, County on Block House Ranch to Seth and Lydia Mae Kothmann. There he grew up working cattle, sheep, and goats with his father on Block House Ranch where they lived. Mr. Kothmann graduated from Mason High School May 1948, and soon after, he and his family moved to Menard, Texas to begin ranching on some land inherited by his father. In 1951, he was drafted into the U.S. army. Upon completion of boot camp, he received orders to go to Germany. Raymond returned to Menard in 1953, and continued his work on his father's ranch. In 1955, he began to work on the J.W. White Ranch. It was during this time he met his wife, Pansy Ruth Patterson, and they were married on May 27, 1962 in Menard, County. Soon after, they were blessed with a son, Hoss Kothmann, and a daughter, Pamela Kothmann. His time on J.W. Ranch came to an end in 1967 when Raymond began day working on ranches such as, Lightning Ranch, with his brother Daniel, and Whitehead Ranch, with Calvin (Nook) Kothmann, and various other ranches. He did this until 2000 when he decided to return home to the Block House Ranch where he was raised. His days as a working cowboy came to an end on June 1, 2012 when he retired. Mr. Kothmann was a loving father and grandfather, a Korean War Veteran, a good ole cowboy, and a devoted rancher who will be missed by many.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Pansy.

Survivors include one son: Hoss and wife Mary Alice Kothmann of Menard; one daughter: Pamela and husband Clay O'dell of San Angelo; five grandchildren: Bryan O'dell of Arlington, Kevin O'dell of Odessa, Melanye, Ashley, and Eli Kothmann of Menard; and a number of nieces and nephew.

Pallbearers will be: Bryan O'dell, Kevin O'dell, Eli Kothmann (his grandsons), Benny Fred Kothmann, Jim Wright, Kado Kothmann, Kody Kothmann, and Keese Kothmann.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Carl Kothmann, Aubrey Kothmann, Donald Kothmann, Gene

Crisp, and Ed Keith.