



Austin Ernest Nixon

March 5, 1939 - April 24, 2025

Austin Ernest Nixon, 86, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at home with his family by his side. A celebration of life service will take place at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 1 p.m.

Austin was born on March 5, 1939 in Ochlocknee, Georgia to Charlie Dawson Nixon and Estelle Gertrude Owens. He started his career with Frosty Morn Meats in Panama City, FL where he climbed the ladder taking him to Quincy, FL and Clarksville, TN. Austin decided to change from the meat industry to the pecan industry in 1972. He spent over 40 years in the pecan industry and was known for his dedication to clients, co-workers and community. Austin was a former vice-president of Young Pecan Shelling Company and retired general manager from Navarro Pecan Company. He enjoyed spending time with his family, working in the yard, family vacations, and volunteering at his church. Austin was longtime member of St. John's Episcopal

Church.

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, JoAnne J. Nixon; daughters, Karen McLeod (Hendley) of Perry, GA; Allie Riley (Chris) of Corsicana, TX; Emily Dever (Dan) of Corsicana, TX; Susan Southerland of Corsicana, TX; sons, Joe Southerland (Kimberly) of Canton, GA; John Southerland (Michelle) of Gainesville, FL; Brandon Johnson of Tulsa, OK; grandchildren, Erin McLeod, Megan Southerland, Kaylee Southerland, Morigan Lucas, Jake Southerland, Kylie Southerland, Joey Dever, Wes Weger, Ella Dever, Sam Dever, Bryson Nixon, and Emma Jo Riley; great-grandchild, Hadrian Jempson; brothers, Dawson Nixon (Barbara) of Woodstock, GA; Glynn Nixon of Cairo, GA; sister Charlie Finney of Albany, GA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie Dawson Nixon and Estelle Gertrude Owens; brothers, Clifton "Brother" Nixon; Edwin E. "Buster" Nixon; sisters, Dora Belle Howell; Opal Grooms; Sarah Fletcher; son, Richard Ernest Nixon; daughters, Jennifer Lorraine Nixon; Mary Christa Southerland; and grand-daughter, Julie Anna Weger.

Austin wore many hats and went by many names. He was often called Buddy as much if not more than being called Dad. Austin will be remembered for his kindness, unwavering integrity, and love for his family. His "little sayings" and his smile were gifts to everyone

who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to St. Jude Hospital.

Friends and family are invited to Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 1 p.m. Graveside service will follow at Oakwood Cemetery.

A webcast of the service can be viewed at the following link:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/112080>

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

900 North 19Th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Funeral Service

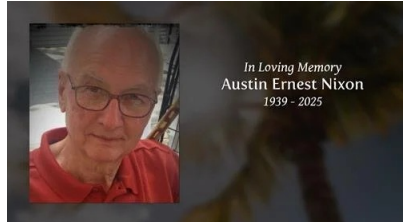
APR 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
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Corsicana, TX 75110
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Tribute Wall



“ *Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Austin Ernest Nixon*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - April 27, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ *Love your CVS family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Austin Ernest Nixon.*



Love your CVS family - April 27, 2025 at 08:39 AM



“ *Donna Raines & Kim Keyton purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Austin Ernest Nixon.*



Donna Raines & Kim Keyton - April 25, 2025 at 04:35 PM