



## Ralph McSpadden

November 19, 1943 - January 15, 2025

Ralph Douglas McSpadden went to his eternal home on January 15, 2025, with family members surrounding him. He was born November 19, 1943, in Blooming Grove, Texas to parents, Seth Alonzo McSpadden and Rubene Hiler McSpadden. Ralph grew up on the family farm near Dresden, a place he called his “rock.” He graduated from Blooming Grove High School where he was proud to be a player on their 1961 District Championship team.

After high school, Ralph began his lifelong work in retail grocery. His dedicated work ethic distinguished him and prompted his boss, Mr. Chapman (known as “Chap”) to encourage him to continue with the company and go for management. He worked for Safeway until they closed in Texas, then moved on the HEB, Corsicana, where he was in management until his retirement in 2007. He retired to his beloved farm (in the McSpadden family since 1889) to begin a new life - tending cattle while applying his extraordinary aptitude for hard work and long hours to that which he loved most – farm and family. He enjoyed Gunsmoke, John Wayne movies, gospel music and the Dallas Cowboys (except when they played “stupid” or didn’t work hard enough to win). He retired earlier than planned due to the effects of critical lung disease – the thing that ended his life much too soon. He told everyone who would listen, “Do not pick up that first cigarette!”

Ralph was preceded in death by his father, Seth McSpadden, his mother,

Rubene McSpadden and his brother, Gerald McSpadden. He is survived by his wife, Patsy Eharl Boyd McSpadden, Daughter, Michel Gerberding and husband, Eric Gerberding and his son, Brian McSpadden and wife, Natalie. He leaves behind much-loved grandchildren: Josh Gerberding, Lauren Gerberding, Kristian Gerberding, Jake Gerberding, Reed McSpadden and his fiancé Kay Millraney, Daniella McSpadden McCallum and husband, Galen, Lane McSpadden and one great-grandchild, six-month-old Jack McCallum, his sister-in-law, Billie McSpadden, brother-in-law, Don Boyd and wife, Brenda, Brother-in-law, Charlie Boyd, beloved nieces and nephews and a host of friends and relatives.

The family wishes to thank Hand In Hand Hospice for the caring service provided to Ralph and his family in his last days.

Visitation will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 19, 2025 with a memory service to follow at 2:00 p.m. in the Griffin-Roughton chapel. Grandchildren will be Pallbearers.

Donations to honor Ralph's memory may be made to the organizations he loved and supported: Tunnel to Towers organization (t2t.org) and St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Service can be viewed at the following link:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/108745>

# Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph McSpadden



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - January 18, 2025 at 05:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph McSpadden.



January 22, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ So sorry for your loss ☐ He was a wonderful man. You're in my prayers 🙏🕊️ Peggy Jordan.



Peggy Jordan - January 20, 2025 at 01:39 AM



“ Donna Riggs and Traci Kimberling planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph McSpadden.

Donna Riggs and Traci Kimberling - January 17, 2025 at 02:05 PM

DK

“ Donna Riggs and Traci Kimberling purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ralph McSpadden.



Donna Riggs and Traci Kimberling - January 17, 2025 at 02:05 PM

CH

“ Patsy our thoughts and prayers are with you. I will always remember his sweet smile.  
Carla Harris



Carla Harris - January 16, 2025 at 06:39 PM

PK

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Pat and Richard Kelly



Patricia Kelly - January 16, 2025 at 02:26 PM

RH

“ Rodger and Denise Head purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ralph McSpadden.



Rodger and Denise Head - January 16, 2025 at 06:36 AM

JH

“ *Too many memories to mention....  
We were brothers.  
Always will be.  
Jimmy Haden*

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**Jimmy Haden** - January 15, 2025 at 10:04 PM