



## Mr Melvin Tapp II

September 4, 1948 - July 1, 2022

Melvin Carl Tapp II (Walking Bear), 73, of Mesquite, Texas, passed away peacefully on July 1, 2022. Mel was born on September 4, 1948, to Melvin Carl Tapp I and June in Dallas, Texas. In 1995, Mel met Kathy at the sheriff's office, and they were wed and blended their families on May 13th, 1995 and they had 4 children.

Mel started his law enforcement career in early 80s Princeton Police Department and retired from Hunt County Sheriff department in 2000. Throughout his years of service, he served as a firearms instructor, created the first SWAT team for Hunt County, was a training supervisor, volunteered as a dispatcher, and worked in the Juvenile Division. Mel also worked for Lone Oak PD before retiring from Law enforcement to spend his time fishing, hunting, deer watching, and making jewelry.

He is survived by his wife Kathy Tapp of Mesquite, Texas; Son Kenneth Tapp, of Arlington, Texas; Daughter Dedra Bates and Husband Darrell of Corwell, Texas; Daughter Angie Webb and Husband Wylie Webb of Tyler, Texas; Granddaughter MaKayla Cockrell and Husband James of Farmerville, Texas; Granddaughter Morgan Webb of Tyler, Texas; Grandson Tristan Tapp of Hurst, Texas; Grandson Amos Bates and Fiance' Alexis Wagner of Crowell, Texas and Three Great Grandchildren Bentley Smith, Lilly Cockrell and Paul Cockrell.

He was predeceased by his parents Melvin and June Tapp, and Daughter Kristi Smith.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Prairie Valley Baptist Church  
12417 FM 513  
Campbell, TX 75422