



Billie Wayne Smothers

May 2, 1938 - June 15, 2012

Billie Wayne Smothers, 74 year old Big Springs resident, passed away at his home on June 15, 2012 in the comfort of his family. Billie had a tenacious battle with cancer, living as a “survivor” for 7 years before his death.

Billie was born to Ray and Ona Smothers on May 2, 1938 in Summers, Arkansas. He attended school through the 8th grade, attaining his GED later in life. He served as an Aircraft Electrician with the United States Air force. Due to the injuries he sustained during his active duty, Billie was discharged from the service fully disabled by their standards. Not able to work in the same line of profession, Billie became a Carpenter and worked for various employers in the Construction field.

Billie married Carlene Kelley on December 22, 1959 in Tijuana, Mexico. Together they enjoyed 53 fully-filled lives together. Billie, Mellony and Pamela, the Smothers three children, kept the couple busy and young at heart. Sadly, they lost their daughter Pamela at two and a half months, a death that left a void deep within their hearts.

Billie enjoyed family life to the fullest with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. His favorite past time was camping with them and he tried to get away any opportunity he could. He enjoyed riding motorcycles in years past and with his wife Billie he loved to travel. He spent winter months in Arizona but visited different states or countries including Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mexico and everywhere in between. He was an honest Christian man who upheld deep family values which will be forever passed on to the younger

generation he leaves behind. Billie was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Ona and his daughter, Pamela.

Survivors include, his wife, Carlene of Big Springs; his daughter, Mellony Stephens of Big Springs; his son and daughter-in-law, Billie and Sharon Smothers of Yreka; his siblings, Jerry and Shirley Smothers; six grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

No services are scheduled for Billie at this time.