

OBITUARY

Karl Lembke, 70

Karl L. Lembke, loving husband, father and grandfather passed away Sunday, August 20, 2006, at Medical Center of Plano in Plano, Texas. He was born July 7, 1936, just outside of Elgin, Iowa to Elmer and Carrie Lembke. After graduating high school in Elgin, Karl served four years as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army. Returning to Elgin, after graduating from refrigeration school, he opened Lembke Refrigeration. He married Eloise Lantz in 1963. In 1967 he and his family moved to central Iowa where he worked as an appliance sales factory representative until 1973 when he started his own construction company in central Iowa. In 1978 he and his family moved to Plano, Texas, where he worked in the construction field until the early 1990's at which time he made the transition to fulltime cattle rancher. Karl retired from ranching in 2000 and in 2001 purchased "Karl's Kanoë", a 50ft sports fisherman docked in Galveston, Texas.

Karl's passions included his wife, children, grandchildren, Timber Knoll Ranch and Karl's Kanoë. Karl enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He also enjoyed "projects", gardening and later in life developed a fondness for cooking and spending time at the Plano Senior Center. Karl was a kind, giving man who always had a smile on his face even through his tough times battling cancer. He had strength, perseverance and compassion second to none. He will be missed by all.

Karl was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Carrie Lembke, and stepfather Mick Nelsen. Karl is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Eloise, his son Nathan and his wife Susan; his daughter, Nyla and her husband Brad; three grandchildren: Kyle, Lauren and Payden; two sisters, Wanda and Judy; two brothers Leslie and Earl; In-laws Art and Louise Lantz and multiple nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Elgin, Iowa at 2:00 pm on Saturday, September 30. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Cancer Society. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.