



## Mr. Benny Crawford Busbee

April 7, 1936 - September 6, 2025

Benny "Benjy" Crawford Busbee, 89, of Texas City, passed away at his home on Saturday, September 6, 2025. Benjy was born in Monahans, Texas on April 7, 1936 to Simpie Crawford Busbee and Benny Gayle Busbee. He, his parents, and his Shetland pony packed up the Packard and arrived in Texas City in March of 1941 where his dad was hired by Humble Oil to operate a new station. A year later, the Busbees purchased Texas City Feed & Seed, then in 1946 moved to their 701 Texas Avenue location in what was fondly known as Busbee's. Busbee's served the needs of the community for nearly 70 years.

Benjy, a 1954 graduate of Texas City High School, loved playing the saxophone in the Stingaree band and racing cars as a member of the Road Knights. He also loved being out in the country and spent many a summer with his Granddaddy Crawford at the ranch. Benjy attended Tarleton State College, earning a promotion to Sergeant while focusing on his studies in Business Administration.

Benjy left school to marry his sweetheart, Sara "Sally" Slaughter Busbee, and apply his education in the family business back home in Texas City. He helped expand the business as it grew from feed and hardware, to appliances. Then in the late 60's, he became the manager of Busbee's Boats and Marine Supply. He was an active member and officer in the Houston Boating Trades

Association and received Grand Prize Awards for top sales from Glastron Boats for many years. The most memorable of these awards was the trip he and Sally took to Italy. Another honor was being chosen to showcase the "Batboat," an outfitted Glastron used in the Batman Movie and TV show. After almost 20 years, Benjy made the decision to leave the boat business and get back to roots, expanding the garden center and adding paints. Benjy continued to own and operate the business, with help from Sally, until retiring in 2010.

Benjy was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws Sarah and Sol Slaughter, and wife Sally. He leaves behind his daughters Julie (Jim) Carter and Beverly Busbee, as well as his grandchildren James Carter, Sara Carter, Olivia Utley, and Mason Utley.

A special thank you to the staff of Stat Home Health - Nurse Carol, PTs Paige and Steve - for their expertise, professionalism and kindness in working with our dad.

Honoring his request, he will be laid to rest in a private, family ceremony.