



Joseph Earl Kolojaco

October 21, 1941 - October 24, 2015

Joseph Earl "Jody" Kolojaco, 74, of Fairchilds, passed away Saturday, October 24, 2015 in Needville. Services will be held at Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg Friday, October 30, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. Visitation will be held Friday, October 30, 2015 from 12 Noon until service time in the Chapel at Davis Greenlawn.

Jody was born October 21, 1941 and was a lifelong resident of the Needville-Fairchilds area. He worked as a farmer and rancher in Fort Bend County for over 50 years. During that time, he farmed several row crops, including cotton, milo, corn and soybeans. Jody most enjoyed his work as a rancher; his favorite activities were caring for and growing his cattle herd, and he could be seen checking his cows in pastures from Fairchilds to Long Point in his white Ford truck each day. He also planted and bailed hay to feed his cows and to sell to area ranchers, activities he thoroughly enjoyed. During many winters, he raised hogs and led his family through the yearly sausage-making process. He spent most of his time working outdoors until his hospitalization in June.

Jody is preceded in death by his parents, Joe Henry and Bessie Lee Kolojaco; his brother, Patrick Kolojaco and sister-in-law Mary Estelle; nephews, Paul, David, and Darryl Kolojaco; and brother-in-law, Larry Eixmann.

Jody is survived by his wife of 45 years, Julia Lynn Irby Kolojaco; sisters,

Carolyn Eversole and husband David of Guy, and Lynelle Eixmann of Richmond; daughters, Tamara Slawinski and husband Stacy of Needville, Jo Nell Reue and husband Joseph of Sugar Land, and Leslie Kolojaco of Wharton. He also has five grandchildren who knew him as "PoPo"; Olivia, Lilly and Luke Slawinski, and Audrey and Amelia Reue. In addition, Jody leaves behind a large extended family and many lifelong friends.

The family would like to thank Craig and Brian Zwahr and Stephen Band for keeping Jody's cattle and hay operations running during his illness. The family would also like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff of Oak Bend Hospital and Oak Bend Skilled Nursing Facility for their patient and attentive care. In his last days, Jody received compassionate care from the staff at SPJST Rest Home and Houston Hospice-El Campo.

For those wishing, memorials in Jody's name may be made to Houston Hospice-El Campo.

Tribute Wall

JZ

“ Our prayers and thoughts go out to the Kolojaco family. May God be with you during this time.

Jon Zurek - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ The news of Jody's passing brings sadness to all of his friends in the Needville High Class of 1960. We express our most sincere condolences to Julia and all of Jody's family. Our Lone Star Farmer will be missed.

Marshal Wilke - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ My condolences to the family of Mr. Kolojaco. He has been my neighbor for all of my life. We have fixed many fences together between our pastures. I bought lots of hay from Mr. Kolojaco as well. He was always fair and honest with me. I always admired his work ethic. I truly will miss his presence in our community.

Phillip Thielemann - November 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Carolyn and Lynelle, I can still remember Jody, being an upper classman, sitting in the back of our school bus to & from school each day. Such old memories.
Please accept my condolences for the loss of your brother.

Gracie Rainosek Hatten - November 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ *Lynelle and family sorry for the loss of your brother. May the memories stay with you always. God be with you. God needed another angel farmer to be with him. He is with Larry now.*
Vicki Littleton

Vicki Littleton - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *My condolences to the family, especially Julia and his children and grandchildren.*

Anna Marie Kolojaco Mullins - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *So sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and give you strength. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Linda Kunz Family - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Carolyn, David and Lanell please know you and your family are in our prayers.*

Rodney & Sheiloa Elster - October 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *So sorry to hear about Jody. Our thoughts & prayers are with all the family. We wish you strength & peace as you go thru this difficult time.*

Diane & Larry Cario - October 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *sorry for your loss*

anita @butch janicek - October 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Sad to hear of Jody passing. He was a high school classmate that was always fun to be around.

Leroy Deiss - October 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ to the family of jody, may our sympathy be with family during this trying time. jody was a friendly person. he will be missed by all.

eugene & linda pavlicek - October 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ To Julie, girls, and rest of family. So, sorry to hear of Jody's illness and death. He was a good farmer and nice person. He also fathered three very sweet daughters along with his great wife. May God bless you all. Harvey & Faye Ludwig

Harvey & Faye Ludwig - October 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Leslie,
I was so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I know you will miss him greatly. Keep the faith! God's blessings to you and your family.
Your friend,
Janice Gensler

Janice Gensler - October 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Leslie, I am sorry for the loss of your father, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in your time of sorrow.

Theresa Martinez - October 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *Many memories of Jody at Grandma/Grandpa Wheat's--picking cotton, china berry fights, and Grandma's homemade soup! Loved Jody's beautiful smile. Rest in peace cousin.*

Sylvia Kolojaco - October 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM