George “Fred” Frederick Merritt, 71, of Farmers Branch, Texas passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 in Fort Worth, Texas. He was born on January 25, 1946 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma to Margaret (Hogan) and Henry Grady Merritt.

Fred enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, going to the races, watching high school football, eating food, BBQ most of all, and he would talk to everyone. He graduated from Nowata High School in Nowata, Oklahoma, worked as a seismologist, truck driver, hazardous chemical safety supervisor, security supervisor, and working at the trailer shop. In retirement he volunteered his time with local sports booster clubs, grilled for friends and on occasion catered BBQ for large groups. He was a private man that struggled to show the love he had for his family and friends, but he was always watching out for them and he never said no when you needed help so it was easy to see how much he cared.

Fred is survived by his four children, Teresa Gage (Merritt), Jonathan Merritt and his wife Nancy, George F. Merritt, Jr., Kevin Merritt and his wife, Erin (Gironda); seven grandchildren, Traey Gage, Destinee Girón (Gage), Patrick Merritt, Gracie Merritt, Mady Merritt, Charles Alexander Merritt and Rylie Ann Merritt; great-grandson, Thiago Andrei Girón; and brother Tillman Grady Merritt.

Fred is preceded in death by his parents Margaret (Hogan) and Henry Grady Merritt; his mother-in-law Allene Howell Estlin Merritt; grandparents Florence Julia (Harrison) and James Fredrick Merritt.

A Memorial Service will be held at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Frisco Chapel on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 from 7:00PM - 9:00PM with Dave Carl, Pastor Family and Children's Ministries, officiating. Memorial Donations can be made online to the George “Fred” Frederick Merritt Memorial Fund at https://fundly.com/george-fred-frederick-merritt-memorial-fund
I would like to make a donation in lieu of flowers. I need a family member to contact me as I have no way to reach anyone. My phone numbers are the following. Home: 360-452-1075 Cell: 303-881-7288. I live in Washington State and was unable to attend the funeral service. I am Fred’s first cousin on the Hogan family.

LAURA N ERICKSON, MAY 29, 2017

Fred was a wonderful father and hard working man. He loved his children and grandchildren with every living breath. I knew him personally, as the mother of three of the children. His children (all four) and grandchildren will miss him to no avail. Knowing he is with his mother and father in heaven will allow some comfort during this time of loss for George, Kevin and Teresa as with Jonathan and his family. May god continue to watch over these loving children and ease their pain.

WILLIAM & CYNTHIA JONES (ALASKA), MAY 27, 2017

I met Fred many years ago while walking my dog on Sundown Trail. Somehow or another we began talking, we both have the gift for gab!! Who knew we would become such good friends and he would become one of the family and #1 Headrunner!! See you again one day friend!!

NICKOLE DYCUS, MAY 24, 2017

Fred was very good friend & man have lots of good memories.

TONY DYCUS, MAY 24, 2017

At a loss for words...he will be deeply missed by his neighbors on Sundown Trail...he was not only our neighbor...he was our FAMILY!!!

JERRY & ROSIE CONCHAS, MAY 23, 2017

Hugs and prayers to the family from your Oklahoma cousins...

PAM (STCYR) HARRIS, MAY 22, 2017
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