



Howard Cave

May 30, 1940 - February 26, 2024

Howard Lee Cave was born on May 30, 1940, at Spohn Hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas, to James Howard Cave and Clara Collins Cave. His life ended on February 26th 2024 at Spohn Hospital in Alice, Texas, after struggling with a series of serious illnesses. He packed a lot of living in the time and space between these two dates. I have been fortunate enough to share the second half of it. I remembered Butch Cave as a jokester at Baker Jr. High and W.B.Ray High School and was amazed to discover in 1973 that Howard Cave, Ph.D. would be coming to teach Sociology at the newly opened Texas A&I University in Corpus Christi, Texas. Howard and Mary Bernice Teasley married in 1960 and had two children, John Michael Cave and Michelle Kristen Cave. Howard earned a B.A. and M.A. from Texas A & I in Kingsville, Texas, and a Ph.D from the University of Texas in Austin. He taught classes at Texas A & I in Kingsville and Trinity University in San Antonio before accepting the position of Associate Professor of Sociology at A&I-CC. He was an excellent professor and very dedicated to his students, making sure that none were bored (as he was in earlier years) or ignored. In 1977 he left teaching and opened the Tackle Box and Marine Center in Corpus Christi, Texas, and a similar store in Rockport the next year. The businesses were very successful but high interest rates in those years resulted in the closing of both businesses in 1980. He and his father, J.H.Cave, then started Cavco Trailers, building boat trailers and utility trailers. Howard and Christy Harris married in 1981 and moved the business and their combined families (six teenagers) to

Bulverde, Texas. In 1983 Howard expanded the business to include rental equipment and the business became Cavco Rentals. His son and daughter worked with him and then his two granddaughters, Ashlee and Kaitlyn Tibbs, came to work with their mom and brought much joy to all. There was a kitchen in the business and BaPa Cave often cooked lunch for the workers and made homemade bread with his granddaughters, He also had a garden on premises. This business continued in the Cave Family from 1983 to 2005. A move to the Highland Lakes in 2001 brought about a new venture in 2002, Lake Point Resort and Grill, renting cottages, boats, and jet skis, as well as serving delicious meals to the Resort and neighborhood guests. Retirement happened in 2006 with the sale of the thriving business and Howard and Christy moved to Lake Livingston with his father, J.H Cave. When J.H. died in 2007 the couple moved closer to Central Texas and bought several acres in Fayette County near La Grange, living in a Barndominium and raising chickens. In 2015 Howard and Christy purchased 17 acres in Gonzales County that came with several pet cows; they built a home with a 2 acre garden. Next came a downsize to Refugio County on the Mission River just before Hurricane Harvey arrived, a move to Lake Corpus Christi was next. Most recently the couple has been living in Alice, Texas. It has been quite an adventure, all of it, including the six kids, once teenagers, now in their 50's and 60's; 12 grandchildren, most with significant others; and five great-grandchildren. The children include Michael Cave and wife, Patti Alexander, Kristen and K.C.Tibbs, (Ashlee and Chase Spears, Emersyn and Cora, Kaitlyn and Chris Womble ,Adalynn), Suzy and John Hilliard (Brittany Sandbach, Cooper and Brody; Meredith Hilliard); Bonnie and Neil Suchart (Courtney and Megan), Lara and James Hardie, Jr. (Hilton and Julie Hardie, Ryan and Ryo Shigematsu, and Drew Hardie), and Jill and Mark Herring (Ellie and Jamon Dixon, Abby Herring, and Mason Herring). In addition to his immediate family, Howard Lee Cave is survived by his brother, Michael James Cave and his children and their families, his double cousin, Roger Lee Robison, and numerous other cousins and their families in the Kuykendall, Wunsch, Cave,

Collins, Gordon, and O'Neal Clans. Howard will be missed by all, but beautiful memories remain. Christy Cave

Services entrusted to Roberson Funeral Home Alice.

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“ We met Howard out there in the lake area, we lived across from the street where he purchased a house there and remodeled it very nice! Howard was such a dear nice man and friendly as well! He offered to sell me his trailer he once said his dad and himself built. A friendship developed between me and him, he was always very thoughtful and generous, he will be missed! My deep felt condolences to the Cave family, rest in peace, and God be with you all in this time of mourning! God bless you all, Rey and Estela Martinez

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