

## Don Ray



**CHANNING** - Don Ray, 69, died Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Chapel. Burial will be in Channing Cemetery by Horizon Funeral Home of Dalhart.

Don, a native of the Texas Panhandle was born April 7, 1937, at Adair Hospital in Clarendon to Oma and Rhondy Ray, and lived on a cattle ranch near Clarendon until 1953. He graduated from Canyon High School in 1955, and from West Texas State University with a B.S. degree and Master of Education in Art. He served as a graduate assistant in the Art Department at WTSU, worked for the American Quarter Horse Journal, and was the first graphic arts director for the regional education service center in Amarillo. He served in the United States Army from 1961 to 1963.

He became a full-time professional artist in 1972, and produced a quantity of paintings and sculpture, much of which reflect the landscapes of Texas and New Mexico as well as authenticity of a bygone era in ranching and Southern and Western historical subjects.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 27 years, Janie; four daughters Rhona Baucum and Bob of McKinney, Kellye Reil and Scott of Westminster, Colo., Lori Vincent and Scott of Channing and Katherine Koontz and Kory of Sudan; a son, Jack Loudder and Joni of Frisco; his beloved eight grandchildren, Maddie Baucum, Jae, Harlee and Ashlee Koontz, Jacob and Ethan Vincent and Molli and Calli Loudder; a sister, Margaret Elley and Clint of Hutto; his mother-in-law and-father-in-law, Annie May and Erwin Meyer of Canyon; and so many other family members and friends who mourn the passing of this gifted, gentle loving man who helped us see the beauty and history of the Texas Panhandle through his legacy of paintings and sculpture.

The family suggests memorials be to the Channing Cemetery Fund, the Haley Memorial Library in Midland, the National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock or the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon.

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