



Gerald "Cooney" Sonnier

December 15, 1949 - September 22, 2017

Celebrating the Life of
Gerald “Cooney” Sonnier
Tuesday, September 26, 2017 2:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church of Winnie
Winnie, Texas
Bob Kayla, Officiating



Opening Prayer

Obituary

“Old Rugged Cross”
by George Jones

Message of Comfort

“The Outlaw’s Prayer”
by Johnny Paycheck

Closing Prayer

“Amazing Grace”
by Shon Sonnier



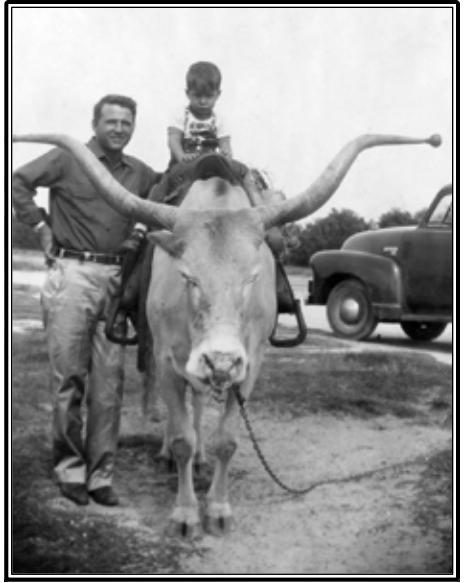
Gerald "Cooney" Sonnier, 67, of Winnie, died Friday, September 22, 2017. He was born on December 15, 1949, in Winshire, Texas, to Mabel and Matthew Sonnier.

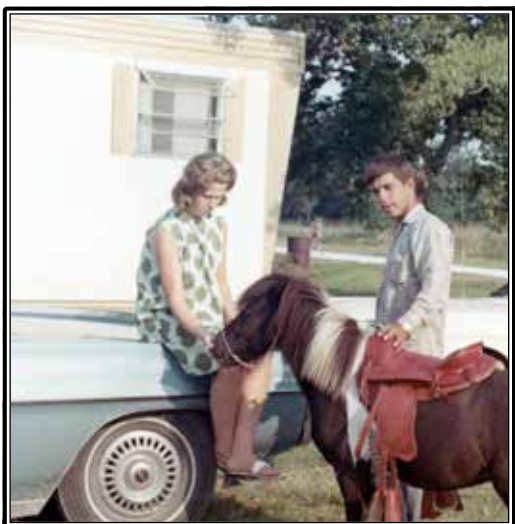
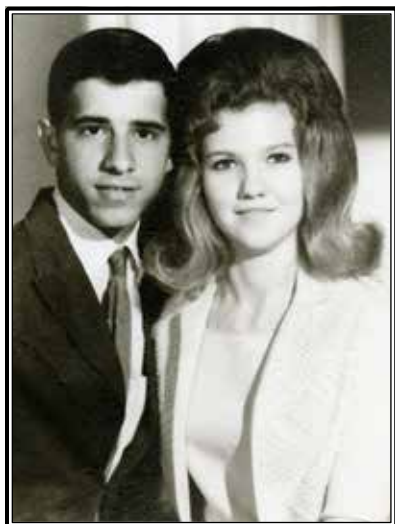
Gerald, better known to his family and friends as Paw Paw or "Cooney" loved working in his shop and making things for his friends and family. He was always the one to donate his talent to a good cause and loved giving his woodworking talent to his kids and grandkids. His other passions were playing the guitar and the love of airplanes. He played for many years with Jimmy and the Jokers. Some of the highlights of

his musical endeavors were playing the Astro Arena in Houston and being asked by Johnny Paycheck to come up and play a few songs on stage with him. He was fortunate enough to play the HemisFair in San Antonio and then flew to Washington DC to play the American Folklife Festival. He flew airplanes as a hobby for a few years and, much like his dad, loved the old war planes. He was always up for a good airshow with his sons or grandson.

Gerald is survived by his wife of forty-nine years, Darlene Sonnier; children, Hank Sonnier and his wife, Amber; Bonnie Campisi; Shon Sonnier and his wife, Lacie; and Tony Thibodeaux, and his wife, Fawn; and grandchildren, Sierra Ickes and her husband, Joey, Montana Tubbs, Harley Sonnier, Alan Campisi, Kallie Sonnier, Harper Sonnier, Kirstie Parkhurst and husband, Kade; Kensie Doucette, Bailey Thibodeaux, Austin Thibodeaux, and adopted grandchildren, Victoria Cordon, Kristen Lezak, Mikie Manuel, Howie Manuel and Kylie Manuel; great-grandchildren, Sophie Ickes, Levi Ickes, Lyla Ickes, Michael Tubbs, Stetson Riley, Henleigh Parkhurst, and Westyn Price; sister, Linda Weekley and her husband, Wesley; brother, EJ Sonnier and his wife, Priscilla; father-in-law, Robert DeYoung; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Deborah Smith.









PERFORMING were Alfonso Sogge of Waco, (foreground) and John Lopez (left) of Upton in front of Washington and David Thomas of Pecos, as they performed for the annual concert at Upton. (right) is David Thomas of Pecos. The group was selected for this song by the community, a crowd from the hospital, and they performed daily. Washington Memorial Hospital is on the block of the Washington Institute in Washington in the project. Community is the name of Texas Collection and the Washington Institute.

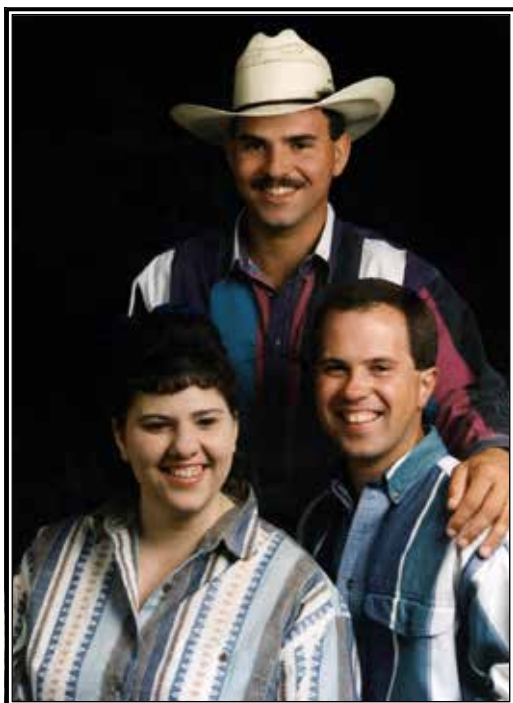
Local Musicians Represented Texas In Washington D.C.

Waco's Alfonso Sogge, Alfonso Lopez of Upton and David Thomas of Pecos, who played a 9 piece, swing, jazz band, were selected to represent Texas in Washington D.C. They performed at the annual concert at Upton. (right) is David Thomas of Pecos. The group was selected for this song by the community, a crowd from the hospital, and they performed daily. Washington Memorial Hospital is on the block of the Washington Institute in Washington in the project. Community is the name of Texas Collection and the Washington Institute.

They said they will also represent Washington D.C. in the future.

They were accompanied to the Texas capital by the Texas Commission on the Arts, including other local musicians, and they performed at the annual concert at Upton.



















Pallbearers

Hank Sonnier
Shon Sonnier
Tony Thibodeaux
Alan Campisi
Darrell Sonnier
Brian Nolan
Bob Kahla

Interment

Fairview Cemetery
Winnie, Texas



Please sign Mr. Sonnier's guest book and share your memories at
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