



John Wiley Finney, Jr.

April 3, 1936 - November 24, 2020

John Wiley Finney, Jr, of Weslaco, Texas passed away November 24, 2020 in Rising Star, Texas after an extended illness. His family was by his side as he slipped peacefully into God's arms.

Wiley was born April 3, 1936 in Scottsboro, Alabama. He worked on the family farm before enrolling at Auburn University, graduating with a degree in Agriculture. He married the love of his life, Peggy Marie Green Finney, and soon had a son, John Wiley Finney, III. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve as a tank gunner. He entered on duty with the U.S. Department of Agriculture as an Inspector at the Port of Entry in Laredo, Texas and soon transferred to the U.S. Customs Service. After rising through the ranks, he accepted the position as Port Director at Progresso, Texas in 1977. He served there until his retirement in 1997.

Wiley met many people throughout his career and was respected as an Inspector, leader and mentor to many.

After retirement he and Peggy continued to serve their community as election officials and as volunteers with the Knapp Memorial Hospital Auxiliary for many years. He and Peggy were also very active in the Central Christian Fellowship Church in Weslaco. He really enjoyed working with and interacting with the Rio Grande Valley Community. He touched lots of lives and had the best friends and neighbors a man could ever hope to have.

Wiley was preceded in death by his parents, John and Nanny Finney and his beloved wife, Peggy. He is survived by his sisters, Doris Levie of Harvest, Alabama, Martha Petty of Tucson, Arizona, his son and daughter-in-law John and Vanessa Finney of Rising Star, Texas and grandchildren Cody Cardenas and Taylor Twombly. Also, many nieces and nephews he truly adored.

The family wishes to thank Dr Roger Heredia for his many years of compassionate care, the Howard Bloomquist family and congregation of Central Christian Fellowship Church for their love and spirituality, the staff and volunteers of Knapp Memorial Hospital Auxiliary for their friendship and benevolence, and the staff of Interim Hospice and Hill Country Health Care for easing us all with tenderness and respect through Dad's final days. After cremation, his ashes will be laid to rest next to Peggy's at Pinehaven Memorial Gardens in Hollywood, Alabama.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America or the Alzheimer's Association will be appreciated.

Cemetery

Pinehaven Memorial Gardens

28615 US-72

Hollywood, AL, 35752

Comments



“ Condolences to the Finney family. I was a Supervisory Inspector under Mr. Finney. He was a mentor, a boss and a friend. RIP Wiley.

Rey Anzaldua
Supervisory Customs Inspector (Retired)

Reynaldo Anzaldua - December 06, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ My condolences to the family. Mr. Finney was my Port Director and I am proud to say that I learned a lot from him. He had a unique way of instruction and you never forgot the teaching. May God give you comfort and peace in your time of sorrow. Sebastian Garcia. Retired SCBPO

Sebastian Garcia - December 06, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ My condolences to the family. Mr. Finney was a very unique man.
I was involved in a head on collision headed to work from Brownsville.
I was admitted to Knapp hospital and one night I was visited by the family that hit my car. I was threatened by the family not to press charges.
Mr. Finney heard about it and assigned an officer on o.t to guard me.
May God give you peace in this time of sorrow.
Arturo Torres.

Arturo Torres - December 07, 2020 at 04:05 PM