



Clarence Daniel Hale

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Clarence Daniel Hale, age 83, lovingly known as Cooter, a lifelong resident of Branchton, FL, rode his horse off into the sunset, on October 9, 2024, after a long and meaningful life.

Clarence was born to Daniel Ethan Hale and Thelma Lucille Dobbs, in Hillsborough County, Florida. Growing up, Clarence spent his time learning and working on K-Bar Ranch,

eventually taking over his father's Foreman Ranch Handler position.

In his free time, Clarence could be found at various rodeos, roping events, welding in his

shop, or making cow whips; that were sold around the world! He loved being with his large

extended family; attending lunch dates with grandchildren, teaching his grandson how to

make cow whips, great-grandchildren's school and sporting events, and various family

gatherings. Clarence would also make sure to meet the 'boys' for breakfast, every morning,

before the sun rose.

Clarence is survived by his daughter, Debra Riley (Robert) and stepchildren, Debbie Hillabush (David), Brian Keith (Jessica). Grandchildren; Tim Riley (Heather), Eric Riley

(Tiffany), Melissa Thorne (Juan), Jesse Thorne (Victoria), Brittney LaClair (Johnathan), Wyatt

Wood (Cierra). Great-Grandchildren; Logan, Kevin, Russell, Alexa, Kyra, Aleya, Kayda,



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Aiden, Logan, Cailynn (Baby-girl), Dylan, Domanick, Marley, Edmond, Milayah, Micah.

Clarence's surviving brothers; Thomas "Buddy" Hale (Kathy), Terry Hale (Brenda); Sister-in-law; Glenda Hale; Brother-in-law; Clifford Bohannon (Kay), Wayne Smith.

Also surviving are

many extended family members and lifelong friends. Clarence was preceded in death by

his parents; brother Doyle Hale; and "The two most wonderful wives" as he would say;

Barbara (First wife) and Maida (Second wife).

A celebration of life for Clarence will be announced by the family, at a later date.

"Sometimes the trail is tough, but a Cowboy ain't afraid to ride through the storm. It just makes the sunset that much sweeter."



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DE

Dale Eady posted:

Awesome cowboy, hard worker& certainly will be missed 🙏

October 17 at 7:00 PM

JR

Jack Rhoden posted:

Cooter was One of The Last of A Dying Breed of Men!!! He was a true Man of Word with a Heart as Big as The Texas Sky!!! He was at the Hospital when my Son (Tanner) was born and made a Small cow whip and said let me know when he can crack this one and I'll make him another. Well jump ahead 26 years and he made one for my Grandson which will be cherished more than you'll ever know!!! God Bless you Clarence Cooter Hale.. Till we meet again my dear friend...♥️🙏♥️🙏♥️🙏♥️🙏 My Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family.♥️♥️

October 16 at 3:10 PM

AB

Athena Bloomfield posted:

Mr. Clarence was my neighbor and dear friend. We blew a hole in the fence between us so we could sit and chat with each other. I learned so much from him, and about him, about his love for his family and things he did in life. He could have written a book. He knew how to do so many things. If anything broke - he could fix it. He roped a pig from the back legs, was cracking whips in his driveway, made beautiful hand made hearty whips and literally there is nothing he has not done. This man could fill a room with his experiences and his stories of his family. I grew to love him through the years like a father of my own. He will have my heart forever. RIP sweet Clarence.

October 16 at 9:15 AM

AB

Athena Bloomfield October 16 at 9:16 AM

And this failed to mention all the things he did for others, without charge. He was there for everyone always. And asked for nothing in return but for people to "care" about him and others.

MT

Melissa Thorne posted:

I will miss you soooooo much grandpa!

October 16 at 7:03 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Clarence by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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