



Neil Thomas Hertel Sr.

February 21, 1952 - May 15, 2026

Neil Thomas Hertel Sr., 74, of Gilmer, Texas, was born on February 21, 1952, to Raymond Iris Hertel and Bernice Louise Groff Hertel, and passed away peacefully on May 15, 2026, in Gilmer, Texas.

Neil spent many years working as a heavy equipment operator before retiring. Outside of work, he enjoyed the simple things in life most — spending time on the lake fishing, relaxing with a cold beer, tinkering with lawnmowers and small engines, and making memories with the people he loved most. Above all else, Neil cherished his family and especially adored his grandchildren.

Neil shared 24 wonderful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Jean Hertel, celebrating their anniversary each year on June 8th.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Jean Hertel; children, Neil Hertel Jr.; daughter Lisa Loria and husband Hansel Loria, along with their children Hayden, Christopher, and Lexi; stepson Casey Webb and wife Bobbi Sue True, along with their children Dustin and Caroline; stepson Christopher Beauchemin and wife Rebecca Beauchemin, along with their children Everly and Bailee Beauchemin; sisters Mary Facey and Tina Zalanka; brother Mark Hertel; along with many extended family members and friends who loved him dearly.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Bernice Hertel; and brothers, Donn Joseph Hertel and Timothy Rae Hertel.

A private family service will be held, with a Celebration of Life to be announced at a later date.

The family invites you to visit Neil's online memorial guestbook at www.mcwhofterfh.com to share memories and condolences.