



## Arthur E. Provancha

August 28, 1939 - February 15, 2017

Arthur "Art" Elmer Provancha, 77, of Midland, Texas, was born on August 28, 1939 in Billings, MT to Elmer Provancha and Edith Havens. He passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 in Midland, Texas.

Art was a simple man of character who loved his family unconditionally.

In his younger years he moved around as his dad, a carpenter sought work from state to state. He found his permanent home in Texas at age 13, growing up in Midland. Arts parents taught him the value of hard work, something he held to until the last days of his life.

Although Art's father had instilled a fantastic work ethic, he soon found out he was not a carpenter. At age 17 Art made the decision to serve his country in the United States Marine Corp. He faithfully served, and left the military after 3 years. The Vietnam era made it difficult for soldiers returning home and Art struggled to find work. Frustrated with the situation, a friend suggested that Art reenlist in the Navy, so he did.

Art loved the Navy and spoke often of his experiences there. It was there where Art finished his education, and where he gave his life to the Lord. Art told of an experience where God spared him, when last minute orders removed him from a ship that was in a fatal accident.

Returning home from the Navy, Art fell in love with Joyce, the love of his life. She was 17 at the time, and Joyce's parents wouldn't let her marry! Counting down the hours and the minutes, they married on her 18th birthday and started their lives together, a marriage that would last over 50 years.

Art was an expert truck driver and won multiple awards for his safe driving record, a career that he loved. Art would go without so his family could have more. He would get up early almost every day and prepare for the day. If you were lucky enough to get up that early with him, you would often be treated to pancakes! His custom corn-cakes were his specialty.

He loved making model cars.

Art was the kind of man that would hold you accountable. His conservative values were a family standard. Although he didn't always put it into words, there was never any question that he loved you. The family unanimously spoke about his unconditional love.

All those that had an opportunity to share in Art's life will be left with lasting and loving memories.

He will be deeply missed.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

American Heritage Funeral Home  
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Midland, TX 79707  
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## Service

FEB 17. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Happy brithday daddy i love you and miss you so much plz wach over all of us today and give us strength to deal with to day love u

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**Coby provancha** - August 28, 2017 at 11:31 AM

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“ Daddy you and mom been on my mind alot here lately thanks for instaling hard work in me love you gone not forgotten

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**Coby provancha** - July 14, 2017 at 02:43 PM