



## John Scott Belew

January 5, 1946 - July 19, 2023

John Scott "Scotty" Belew passed peacefully in his home on 19 July 2023 after a courageous fight of an unfair illness. He was 77 years of age. Scotty was born 15 January 1946 in Winters, Texas and was the fifth child of James Cecil Belew and Minnie Opal Scott Belew. Scotty was a farmer and rancher in Runnels County for 55 continuous years. He was a die-hard cotton farmer and a leader in the industry which included service on the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association for many years and was instrumental in getting the Boll Weevil Eradication program. In 1982, he was elected President of the Texas Young Farmers Association where he travelled and advocated for Texas agriculture in the US and Europe. Scotty was active in his community serving the Wingate School Board, North Runnels Water Board, Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Board, and the North Runnels Hospital Board. Scotty married the love of his life Peggy Sue Corley of Bronte on 7 December 1968. They enjoyed 54 great years of marriage. Scotty and Peggy enjoyed traveling to Ruidoso watching horse races and rodeos. They had many friends that they enjoyed spending time from the local 42 Club, the Trailer Hood in Ruidoso, and the Hitch-Along Gang along with many friends across the state of Texas and other parts of the US through Young Farmers. Scotty and Peggy wore out four suburbans traveling to kids sports from softball, tennis, basketball, track, golf, stock shows, and especially football. They were softball coaches together, he coached Little League baseball.

He is survived by his loving and patient wife, Peggy Sue Corley Belew, and their daughter Tami and Conda Richards of Wingate, and sons Bill and Megan Belew of Wingate, and John and Paige Belew of Lubbock. His grandchildren Kyler and Hailey Richards, Charles Childress, Ashlyn Richards, Blair Belew, Corley Belew, Minnie Belew, Walker Belew, and Wilson Belew. Other survivors include his sister Charlotte Belew Robinson and brother-in-law Gayland of Brownwood, and sisters-in-law Jackie Corley of Bronte, and Mada Belew of Arkansas. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents James Cecil Belew and Minnie Opal Scott of Wingate, brothers James Douglas Belew and wife Carrie of Big Spring, Donus Ray Belew of Abilene, and sister Doris Evelyn Belew and Verlon Reid of Abilene, numerous local friends, fellow farmers, ranchers, and one million acquaintances he met on travels.

He was anxiously expecting his first great grandson, Karter Holt Richards this September.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 22, 2023 at the First Baptist Church of Winters. The family would like everyone to stay for a meal and time for visitation following the service in the First Baptist Church Jones Hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to West Texas Rehab or the First Baptist Church Building Fund.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **22**. 10:30 AM.

First Baptist Church of Winters

# Tribute Wall

WM

“ *Mr. Belew and his precious wife Peggy were the first farmers I met when I began delivering to the Wingate and Winters area as a UPS driver. From that first delivery to the day I retired, I was always met at the front door with a smile and a kind word. Scotty was a gentleman, a wonderful family man and a community leader. He will be missed. Blessings to the family.*

Walter Martin - July 21, 2023 at 06:21 PM

CM

“ *Met him and his son Billy at a Men's Walk of Emaus in 2008. The man stood behind me on the last day when our family showed up. I remember when we saw all our families there he placed his hands on my shoulders as I was so amazed*

Corby Maskill - July 20, 2023 at 09:07 PM

CL

“ *Scotty was 2 years younger than myself. His family and mine attended Drasco Baptist Church together. Little league baseball with the Drasco/Pumphrey Pirates. RA summer camp @ Brownwood Lake. School bus routes sometimes served him and the Lewis family location also. I enjoyed seeing and talking with him when I came to Winters from my Panhandle residence. Scotty was a friend that will be missed.*



Clifford (Cliff) Lewis - July 20, 2023 at 06:17 PM

JK

“ When I married Darren Kight, he felt like he was part of the Belew family because they always treated him like he was! Bill was Darren’s best man at our wedding and Scotty & Peggy welcomed me into their home like I had always been a part of the family as well. It was very clear to me from the first time I met them that family was a priority and that hard work was not something they shied away from. I grew up in San Angelo but I had never seen first-hand how farmers actually farmed and it was certainly something that awed and inspired me. Scotty has left a legacy to be proud of. I am grateful that he is whole and healthy again in the arms of his savior, Jesus Christ. Rest In Peace, Scotty.

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**Jillian Kight** - July 20, 2023 at 05:47 PM

TB

“ Prayers for peace for the Belew Family. I enjoyed visiting Scotty and Peggy through the years. When Dad passed, he brought breakfast burritos over AND he’s at down and ate with us - that meant a lot. We went to see him three weeks ago and he could not speak well, but he looked me in the eyes and said “Mama”. He was asking how my Mom was doing ..... he cares about others. He will be missed.

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**Tony & BobbieTruelove** - July 20, 2023 at 05:00 PM

RB

“ Don and I enjoyed many years with Scotty and Peggy. We love this precious loving man who never said an unkind word about anyone. Scotty has left a shining legacy to his children, grands and future greats. We were blessed to know him. Love Scotty Belew and Family! He has left a hole in our hearts.

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**Roxy Belew** - July 20, 2023 at 01:30 PM

JD

*I'm sure going to miss my Uncle Scotty , he was a great man with a big heart loved going to Bopals and Papa house so many good memories there ! And our reunions ! Couldn't wait to go when I was little and our last one was last year so glad he was there playing dominoes also love playing golf to ! We and I will cherish these memories forever sure will miss him ! Love you Scotty Belew ! ❤️🙏*

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**jamie Davis** - July 20, 2023 at 03:25 PM

WH

*One of the finest men I ever knew.*

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**Winford Hogan** - July 20, 2023 at 10:37 PM

AG

*I'm sorry for your loss. I didn't know Scottie passed away until recently. Scottie and I were roommates at Angelo State in 1964. He and I had lots of fun together and spent many afternoons in the barracks where we lived playing dominoes and spades. He was a great friend. I called Scottie about two months ago and he could hardly talk. May your family be blessed i the knowledge people you will never know in this lifetime are praying for you. God bless you all. Allen Gossett*

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**Allen Gossett** - August 16, 2023 at 04:12 PM