

Fredrick Kraft was born May 1, 1928 on the family farm southwest of Follett, Texas. He was the youngest of seven children born to G.G. "George" and Katherine (Dick) Kraft. Fred's parents immigrated from Russia on a ship, settling in the Shattuck community before making their home in Follett. This is where Fred grew up and attended school. He often talked about his younger days when he would get to go on boxing matches at his school and his accomplishments as a young boy. Times were hard and he had to quit school and start working. Fred and his family attended the Congregational Church where he was confirmed at a young age.

A blind date was set up by best friends, George and Mary Ann Durfey with Fred and Vada Ilene Broyles. This is where it all began. They enjoyed rodeoing and having fun together. They were later united in marriage at Clayton, New Mexico on May 24, 1951 with their parents standing with them as witnesses. Fred and Vada made their home in Follett. To this union, 4 daughters: Teresa, Belinda, Jana, Sherry and 1 son: Mark were born.

Fred and Vada later moved to the Logan community before settling in the Slapout community, where they continued to live to the end of his days. Fred and Vada were engaged in farming, and ranching. He worked for Beaver County, ran and operated the Laverne DX Service Station, and drove a truck for Enron. He retired in 1991.

Fred was musically inclined and played many different instruments such as playing the steel guitar. Yodeling and singing with his brother, Alex and some friends was always a joy. He was an avid coyote hunter, for over 60 years. He and had great respect for his co hunters, land owners, and his dogs which have been handed down. Fred took pride in watching his daughters playing ball, and other activities they were involved with. Even later on in years, going to ball games to watch his grandsons play was very special to him. He didn't miss many games. He would sit on the sidelines with 4 other Grandpas and keep stats of the games. We still have all of those stat books. Spending time with his family and friends and having Sunday dinners was always a highlight for him. He especially loved getting visits from his Great Grandchildren. Fred and Vada were both members of the Fairview United Methodist Church of Slapout.

Fred was preceded in death by his infant son Mark in 1967, his parents: George and Katherine Kraft, all of his siblings: George Kraft Jr., Marie Yauck, Alex Kraft, Leah Kemmerer, Ester Koch, baby sister Rachael Kraft, and son in law; Greg Blackburn

Fred leaves behind his loving and devoted wife of 70 years, Vada, his daughters: Teresa Blackburn, Belinda Harmon and husband Steve, Jana Burdge and husband Terry, and Sherry Welch. 8 Grandchildren, numerous Great Grandchildren, and Great Great Grandchildren, other relatives, and many friends.

Fred left this life at his home on, August 1, 2021. One of his last wishes was to be taken to his final resting place in the coyote wagon.