



Rick Tripp

By El Deano

Rick Tripp —A personal note. I knew Rick back in the days of Texas Tech as he was in the rodeo game. He rode bulls and worked some other events but he was primarily in the roping events. We lost contact over the years but I attended one of his estate sales in the early nineties and we re-established friendships only this time on a brother-in-Christ relationship. He had been drinking real heavy for years but he finally turned to that Name that is above all names and he finally found that true identity

of himself that can only be found in Christ Jesus. He stopped thru Rocksprings when he could and I stopped at Brady and saw him as often as I could. I had last seen him sometime in April as some of our family was going to son-in-law's graduation. I found out on the day before he passed away that he was very ill. Tried to call on that same day but was unable to reach anyone. Finally got his wife Suzie the next morning and she emotionally told me he was breathing his last. He had been sick only a short time, about seven weeks.

Just a short time before his death Rick had an emotional visit with one of Rocksprings own Trey Smart. They had come to know each other very well during the few years that Trey had lived in that area. As a matter of fact anyone who knew Rick could not help but love him as his love for Christ just busted out all over him.

