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John Richard Pelle age 57, of Pleasanton, left his earthly family on February 20, 2011 in Nacogdoches, TX. He was preceded in death by his mother, Alice Fay Carlisle, grandparents, Louise and Glen Morris, John and Mary Pelle. Mr. Pelle is survived by his wife of 26 years, Susan (Mahula) Pelle of Pleasanton, children, Dustin and wife Amy Pelle, Jeremy and wife Jenny Wiggins, Jonathan and wife Shana Wiggins all of Pleasanton, Chris and wife Tammy Wiggins of Crosby, grandchildren, Kelsie Wiggins, Zakary Pacheo, Jacob West, Taylor Pelle, Hannah Wiggins, Nicole Pelle, Maxwell Wiggins, Dean Hernandez, Makenna Pelle, Tanner Wiggins, Savannah Wiggins, Jenna Wiggins, and Nathan John Pelle, father and stepmother, Nick and Rosa Pelle of Houston, sisters, Terry Pelle of Alpine, and Cindy Pelle of Rockport, mother-in-law, Ruth Mahula and brother-in-law, Curtis and wife Betty Mahula, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. John was born in Detroit, Michigan to Nick and Alice Pelle on May 4, 1953. At the age of 4 he moved to Houston, Texas. John graduated from Spring Branch High School in Houston in 1972. While still in Jr. High School, John met the love of his life and proclaimed that that's the girl he was going to marry. In 1980, John and Susan Mahula were married. John took on the challenge of a pre-made family with 3 young boys, and later added another son to their life. In 1985 John and his family moved to Pleasanton, where he took over his father-in-laws business, The Pleasanton Farmers Co-op. John spent many years in sales but found his niche as a Land Man. John lived to be a loving husband, devoted father and very proud Grandpa. John loved to fish, scuba dive, snow ski and developed a real passion for the game of golf. John will forever be loved and remembered for his kind and gentle heart, generosity, compassion, gift of gab and his love for his family and friends. For all that knew him, as our sons would say, John could make friends with a fence post. John will remain in our hearts and dearly missed by all that knew him. Visitation will be held at Hurley Funeral Home, 118 W. Oaklawn Rd. Pleasanton, TX, on Friday, February 25, 2010 from 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM with the family present at 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Funeral service will be held at Hurley Funeral Home (Pleasanton) at 2:00 PM Saturday, February 26, 2011. Interment will be at the Brite Cemetery in Pleasanton, Texas. To view guestbook, share memories and leave condolences, please visit <http://www.facebook.com/l/09aeczI7epyknWWie6YS4ueFaUw/hurleyfuneralhome.com>. Serving as pallbearers for the service will be Dustin Pelle, Jeremy Wiggins, Jonathan Wiggins, Chris Wiggins, Tommy Franks and Sonny Williams, honorary pallbearers, Curtis Mahula, Zakary Pacheo, Jacob West.
