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LARRY C. GROCE, JR., 62, of Abilene, died Saturday at St. Lukes Episcopal Hospital in Houston. Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at First Central Presbyterian Church, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Homes, 542 Hickory. Officiating will be Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, Dr. Cliff Stewart, and Mr. Frank Puckett. Mr. Groce was born in Duncan, Oklahoma on December 25, 1936. He moved to Abilene from Houston in 1981. He was a member of First Central Presbyterian Church. He was a devoted husband and father; an avid sportsman and outdoorsman. He was a very successful entrepreneur in several businesses and a cattle rancher. He graduated from Spring Branch High School in 1954 and attended Sam Houston State University for three and a half years. On March 3, 1979, he married Nancy E. Walker in Houston. He was chairman of the board of Allied Staffing Group, board member of the Abilene Industrial Foundation, member of the Chamber of Commerce, Military Affairs Committee, and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Groce, of Abilene; two sons, Glenn Groce of Houston, and John Groce of Abilene; one daughter, Shelly Barret of Houston; his mother and father, Opal and L. C. Groce of Ft. Clark Springs, TX; one sister, Delia Curry of Ft. Clark Springs; three grandchildren, Brooke Barret, Lillie Groce and Hannah Groce. Pallbearers will be Don Brooks, Frank Puckett, Dave Stenzel, Ken Murphy, Joe Davis, and Bruce Sutherland. Honorary pallbearers are Bill Goins, Russell Higgins, Jim McNeer and Ronnie Hennis. Friends are invited to the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday. Memorials may be sent to Disability Resources, Inc., 3601 N. Danville, Abilene, TX 79603.