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THE YEAR WOKE UP



Joe Ely remembered for impact on music

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Iconic Texas musician Joe Ely is being remembered for his impact on music in the Lone Star State and beyond after he died Monday.

He was 78.

Ely's family confirmed the legendary singer, songwriter and raconteur whose roots ran from Amarillo to Lubbock to Austin and beyond was with his wife Sharon and daughter Marie when he died Monday at their home in Taos, New Mexico from complications of Lewy Body Dementia, Parkinson's and pneumonia, according to a post on Ely's Facebook page.

He was inducted into the West Texas Walk of Fame in 1989 as a solo artist and later, in 2016, as a member of The Flatlanders, according to Avalanche-Journal archives.

"Joe will be sorely missed and our sincere condolences go out to his wife Sharon and his family, friends and

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Lighting up the season

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Maxwell's Pumpkin Farm will open its Amarillo Lights display every night beginning Friday, Dec. 19 and continuing through Dec. 23, extending days of operation for the final stretch of its annual holiday attraction. • The Christmas event is in its sixth year. Owner Larry Borger has previously said the goal has been to create an affordable, family-focused tradition in the Texas Panhandle. In past seasons, Maxwell's has drawn thousands of visitors and added new displays as demand grew. See LIGHTS, Page 4A



TOP: A gingerbread-themed display glows at Maxwell's Amarillo Lights holiday attraction in south Amarillo.

ABOVE: A towering animated light tree stands at the center of the Amarillo Lights attraction at Maxwell's Pumpkin Farm.

RIGHT: Santa meets with children during Amarillo Lights at Maxwell's, where photos with Santa are included with admission.

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