



Douglas J Corley

October 9, 1929 - April 23, 2024

Douglas Johnson Corley was born on October 9, 1929 in Sundown, Texas to Douglas and Dorothy Corley. He died on April 23, 2024 in Lubbock, Texas. He was 94 years old.

Doug graduated from Sundown High School in 1948. He entered the United States Army Air Corps to serve in the Korean War and attained the rank of Second Lieutenant. Following the Korean War, he entered the United States Army Reserve where he rose to the rank of Captain. He attended Tarleton State University, a two-year institution at the time, and transferred to Texas Tech University where he graduated with a Degree in Agricultural Science in 1953.

In 1951, he married Sammie Powers, who preceded him in death in 2020.

Doug was a business entrepreneur long before the term was commonly used. He began his full and varied career as a salesman at Featherlite Brick. He was a manufacturer's representative for Conex and several other companies. He began Casters of Lubbock in 1977, owning and operating it successfully until he sold it in 2014. He was a visionary investor, developing property throughout the growing Lubbock area, including the Terra Estates II neighborhood with his good friend and partner A.L. Wilson. A contractor, he built several homes in Lubbock.

Doug was a faithful member of the Second Baptist Church of Lubbock where he and his family joined in the year of the church's founding in 1958, and where he served as a Deacon. He had a particular knack for getting young families involved in the work of the Lord. He served on the Board of Trustees of the South Plains Food Bank for many years. He donated land to the Food Bank, as well as to Habitat for Humanity, and was very involved in the work of the Sick Children's Clinic.

Of deep meaning to Doug was a small community of close friends who dubbed themselves the Mickey Mouse Travel Club, gathering regularly for birthday and holiday celebrations, and other special occasions.

Among Doug's many interests were stock cars which he raced, airplanes which he flew, hot air balloons which he floated, cutting horses which he raised and rode, and the Double Oak Ranch in Desdemona, Texas which he managed.

His family carrying on his legacy include son Steve and wife Becky; daughter Jana and husband Charles; son Mike and wife Frieda; grandchildren Chad, Deidra, Zach (deceased), Eric (deceased), Brent, Cliff, Scott (deceased), Erin, and Chris Anne; and great-grandchildren Meghan (deceased), Devin, Lexie, Josh, John, Alexa, Corley, Riley and Harper, Brooklyn, Clay, Nora, and Simon. Two sisters, Ginger and Ellen, precede him in death.

Memorial services will be held at Second Baptist Church of Lubbock, 6109 Chicago Ave, at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 4. Honorary pallbearers are Eugene Bennett, Kirk King, Mike King, Kerry Porter, Mike Waller, and Todd Wilson,

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to the Sick Children's

Clinic, P.O. Box 93056, Lubbock, Texas 79493.

Cemetery Details

Howard Cemetery

Eastland, TX 76448

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM.

Second Baptist Church of Lubbock