



## Mike Higgins

November 28, 1934 - December 17, 2011

Celebration of Life service for William Michael Higgins, 77, of Lubbock will be held at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at First Baptist Church with Rev. John Ballard officiating. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. at Sanders Funeral Home. A private burial will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home. Mike began eternity with his Savior on Saturday, December 17, 2011.

He was born on November 28, 1934, in Dallas, Texas to Clem L. (Ox) Higgins and Ezma Inez Taylor. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1957 as a proud member of the Texas Cowboys and the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. Mike proudly served in the ROTC U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Reserves leaving with the rank of Captain in 1968. Mike married Nancy Lynne Shepherd on August 16, 1957, and she preceded him in death in 1980. Mike married Alice Porter Jones on May 16, 1981. He was also preceded in death by his father, his mother and granddaughter, Lucy Lynne Higgins.

Mike served as an Insurance Agent in the Lubbock area since 1960. He served as president of the Lubbock Area Life Underwriters Association, Lubbock Chapter of Chartered Life Underwriters, Chairman of the Texas Tech Foundation Board and Monterey Optimist Basketball and served as a board member of the United Way, Boy Scout Council and Texas Boys Ranch. Mike

was a life and qualifying member of the Million Dollar Round Table and Texas Leaders Round Table and received the National Quality Award. He was active in local and state political campaigns in the 1970's and 1980's. Mike was a dedicated volunteer to many organizations over the years, most recently the Ronald McDonald House and Lubbock Meals on Wheels.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Higgins, son Mike Higgins, Jr. and wife Joy of Wall, Texas; son Martin Higgins and wife Dawndra of Lubbock; step-daughter Tonni Hoefs and husband Marc of Lubbock and step-son Mason Jones of Cathedral City, CA. He leaves a legacy of love in his eight grandchildren, Will Higgins and wife Evyn, Seth Higgins, Grant Eubank, Abby Eubank, Blakley Higgins, Riley Higgins, David Hoefs and Jake Hoefs. He is also survived by brother Patrick Higgins and wife Janice of Austin, Texas; sister Erin Watson and husband John of Johnson City, Texas; sister Alane Reid and husband Jack of Austin, Texas, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, a gift may be made to these organizations dear to Mike: Trinity Christian School Foundation, Ronald McDonald House or Mike and Alice Higgins Presidential Scholarship Endowment through the Texas Tech Foundation.

Mike Higgins loved to chase golf balls and grand kids and was the best friend anyone ever had.