



## Mr Preston Deaton Rigsby

July 5, 1932 - May 6, 2019

July 5th, 1932 was a very good year. Preston Deaton Rigsby was born in Hamilton County Texas to Grace Deaton Rigsby and Preston Rigsby. Deaton was baby “brother” to Laura Key and Carolyn Thompson whom he adored. Deaton’s journey of 86 years was completed on May 6, 2019. Growing up in both Hamilton and the farm in Evant, Texas, led to a lifetime of creative and imaginative stories of rural America.

Deaton graduated from Evant high school and began his studies at Texas Tech University where he earned his bachelor’s degree in 1954 and Master’s Degree thereafter. Upon completion of his studies Deaton enlisted in the US Army. In the midst Deaton married Laruth Faubion. Together they had two beautiful daughters, Shelley Reneé and Sharla D’Ann. After serving proudly in the United States Army, Deaton returned to Lubbock where he spent many years in the Insurance business.

Opportunity came in 1984 to join Schneider Burnet and Hickman as a stock broker. With his very bright and logical mind, he loved the challenge of a career in the financial markets. Deaton loved saying, “I’ve never not had a job, from 8 years old to 83.” His work ethic was exemplary.

In 1974 Deaton met his soul mate and best friend Jan Louise whom he loved deeply. For 45 years they lived a life they built with faith and everlasting

dedication, celebrating the newness of everyday. To this blessed union, they bound together an amazing family of six children; Sharla, Reneé, Julie, Shelley, Brandon and Patrick.

In 1970 a devastating tornado struck Lubbock. Deaton was immensely proud of being one of the bevy of 35 year olds, young city council members, who stood strong and helped define the resurgence and growth of Lubbock in that aftermath.

For seven years following his term on the City Council, Deaton served on the School Board again during the everchanging landscape of mandated school busing. Always the optimist, finding good news in the success of this change in our city and country once again, he shared great pride in the city he so dearly loved.

Luke 6:38

“Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured in your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

In lieu of flowers, Deaton would choose for you to remember him in your own way, or through a memorial to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church choir, Gift for Life, or Meals on Wheels.

Music, dominoes, and golf will certainly be more interesting in heaven. Deaton will continue to root for his Texas Tech Red Raiders, of which he was a staunch supporter.

Deaton is survived by his dearly loved wife Jan, children Reneé Emmett, Sharla Freeman (Jay), Julie Bille (Peter), Shelley Bruccoliere (Dan), Brandon McGill (Kerri), Patrick Rigsby (Ashley); 12 Grandchildren, 6 Great Grandchildren, beloved nieces and nephews, Sister in law Julie Harris (Dale) along with amazing and well loved friends who have been a part of his walk in this lifetime.

A celebration of life will be held Wednesday, May 8th at 4:00 PM at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, located at 1101 Slide Road. Graveside service will follow at the City of Lubbock Cemetery Mausoleum.

Family and beloved friends are invited to meet with the family one hour before the service.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY 8. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

St. Stephens Episcopal Church

# Tribute Wall

LA

“ *Patrick,  
So sorry to hear about your dad. Will be thinking of you and your family.*

*Laura Atkins*

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**Laura Atkins** - May 10, 2019 at 06:40 AM

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“ *Deaton played a big role in building the Republican party in Lubbock and in Texas.  
I remember when he was a delegate to the Texas Republican Convention back wen there were few of us who admitted to being Republicans.  
My deepest sympathy to you, Jan, and to your family.*

*Mary Gristy Lewis*

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**MARY LEWIS** - May 07, 2019 at 08:38 PM

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“ As Julie Bille's brother in law it was always my pleasure to see and talk with Deaton.

He was a good ole TX boy that that loved his Family. Especially my niece and nephews.

I remember one winter storm when they were visiting Peter, Julie and the kids in Colorado Springs he could not get his 2 wheel drive suv up Sunlight Way. The vehicle was at the bottom of the hill and likely to be plowed in if left their! I advised we can give it a shot. Deaton being Deaton insisted on walking down with Peter and me. Keep in mind there was a lot of snow still coming down and this is a steep hill! I drove with him in the passenger side. A few attempts were made with little improvement on each attempt. We were about ready to give up when we decided to try one more time. With Peter pushing we made it safely to the top of the hill and in the driveway. Deaton was very thankful and relieved it was off the street. He was a good man with a good heart it was our pleasure to help. Deaton will be missed. Richard.

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**Richard M Bille** - May 06, 2019 at 05:33 PM

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“ Sharing in your sorrow in the loss of Deaton. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories your family has shared.

In Sympathy,  
Nell Raper  
(formerly of Lubbock)

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**Nell Raper Boren** - May 06, 2019 at 05:07 PM