



Ralph and Doris Brunson

July 8, 2015

Many years together, and not long parted: Doris Jean Walker Brunson left us on April 7th, 2015, and her husband of 62 years, Ralph Brunson, followed her soon after on July 8th, 2015.

Ralph was born on December 28th, 1923, to G.W. Brunson and Emma Jane Foster Brunson of Lubbock County. After graduating valedictorian from New Deal High School he served in the U.S. Army during World War II, where he was captured and held in a German POW camp for over a year. He attended Texas Tech after the war, graduated with a degree in philosophy, and married Doris Jean Walker on August 4th, 1952. Ralph retired from the Lubbock office of the FHA in 1974.

Jean was born on August 10th, 1929, in Grand Prairie, Texas, to Moody Walker and Mable Arrington Walker. After graduating from high school she worked as a model and hair stylist before marrying Ralph. They lived in Amarillo and Albuquerque before returning to Lubbock and raising a single daughter, Emily. Jean retired from LISD in 1993.

The couple is survived by their daughter Emily Brunson of Lubbock; Jean's sister Billie Ward, also of Lubbock; and eight nieces and one nephew.

A memorial gathering at the Brunsons' residence will be held on Saturday, July 18th. Contact the family for more information. If desired, donations may be made in Jean's name to Smile Train International, her favorite charity, and in Ralph's name to the Cornell University Ornithology Lab, to honor his lifelong love of birds.

Tribute Wall

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“ I have so many good memories of Uncle Ralph and Aunt Jean from childhood to adolescents. I remember spending time with Aunt Jean at their home. my fondest memory of Uncle Ralph is spending time with him in his study. He would tell me about history sitting in his easy chair smoking his pipe . It smelled good. he was so easy going. I will miss them both. Love to Emily with my thoughts and prayers. God bless you!

. Love Always, Rebecca Larkin

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