



Steve Benton Meinecke

January 31, 1926 - December 16, 2020

Steve Benton Meinecke of Lubbock, TX passed away on December 16th, 2020. Born January 31st, 1926 to parents, Adlia and Leta Meinecke. Steve and his brother, Charles, grew up on 19th Street in Lubbock, TX. After graduating from Lubbock High School in 1943, Steve continued his studies at Texas Tech University where he eagerly signed up for ROTC in anticipation of joining the war effort. Steve joined the U.S. Army and served in the 272nd Infantry Regiment in Europe. His service in the war was one of his proudest achievements.

After the war, Steve married the love of his life, Jeanette Hamilton in 1948 and was a loving father to their four children. Steve continued his education on the GI Bill and earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Texas Tech University in 1949. Steve joined his father and brother in the family business at Meinecke Bros Hardware store, located on Broadway in Lubbock, TX.

Steve and Jeanette were active members of the United Methodist Church of Lubbock. Enjoying their Sunday School class, the Homebuilders. Steve enjoyed working with the Boy Scouts of America Troop 402 for more than 25 years, earning the Silver Beaver award for his service.

In his retirement, Steve was an avid gardener and active member and researcher for the South Plains Genealogy Society. Through his many years

of research, he significantly extended and documented the Meinecke and Benton family trees. He also enjoyed volunteering with Friends of the Library for over 20 years. He was very creative and fine-tuned his skills in drawing, handcrafts and woodworking. Steve deeply enjoyed spending time with his family. Sharing stories of his youth and reflecting on the memoir or historical non-fiction book he was reading. His favorite subjects were history and nature. Steve is survived by his wife, Jeanette and their children and spouses Robert and Nancy Meinecke of Lubbock, TX; Yvonne Saffer of Denver, CO; Jon and Donna Meinecke of Denton, TX; and Lesa and Paul Hipes of Westmont, IL; 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Steve is preceded in death by their beloved son, Larry Meinecke.

Steve was kind, generous, and ever ready to share a story; he will be sorely missed.

Cemetery Details

City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I saw him come in the library when I worked at the reference desk. Very nice man.*

Angela Kernell - January 13, 2021 at 07:20 PM

“ *Steve was my last surviving cousin. Living hundreds of miles away prevented me from having the privilege of seeing him often. I do know he was a devout Christian man that deeply loved his family. I am so very thankful that my daughter was able to get to know him while living in Lubbock and attending Texas Tech. My love and prayers go out to Jeanette and the children. You will be missed but forever remembered.*

Karen Bravenec - December 23, 2020 at 09:09 PM

“ *I remember Steve fondly, working with him on the City of Lubbock Cemetery survey and other genealogical projects. Steve and Jeanette were very active in South Plains Genealogical Society and Friends of the Library.*

*My sympathy to Jeanette and their family.
Danella Dickson*

Danella Dickson - December 22, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Graveside



Sanders Funeral Home - December 21, 2020 at 08:23 PM

TJ

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Steve Meinecke. I was so blessed to have him as one of my scoutmasters of Troop 402, where I went through scouting during its greatest days as a scout troop. I pray for comfort for Jon and the rest of the Meinecke family. Know that I am grieving with you for the loss of my friend Mr. Meinecke.

Tracy Johnson - December 20, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steve Benton Meinecke.



December 18, 2020 at 07:22 PM

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“ Betty S. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Steve Benton Meinecke.



Betty S. - December 18, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steve Benton Meinecke.* ”



December 18, 2020 at 02:32 PM