



## Judge William R. (Bill) Shaver

November 3, 1925 - December 12, 2013

Judge William R. (Bill) Shaver, 88, passed away peacefully at Covenant Palliative Care Center on Thursday, December 12th. A Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held at Oakwood Methodist Church on Monday, December 16th at 1 P.M. with Reverend Wendell Horn officiating.

Bill was born in Lubbock, Texas, on November 3, 1925, to Eula and R.A. Shaver. A graduate of Rochester High, he joined the Army Air Force, served as a gunner on a B29 in WWII, and flew 17 missions over Japan. After the war, Bill earned his BBA and Doctor of Jurisprudence from SMU. He married the love of his life, Sunny, on July 13, 1951, and moved back to Lubbock to begin a private law practice with Doc Blanchard. He then served as Assistant District Attorney until forming the law firm Shaver, Hurley and Sowder. After fourteen years of practice, he subsequently served as County Judge, Judge of the 72nd District Court, as the first Resident Counsel of Texas Tech University, and finally settled in as District Judge in the 140th District Court, where he served twenty-eight years. He served as Senior Judge for 7 additional years before retiring in 2004. He saw the creation of the Lubbock Juvenile Detention Center as one of the most meaningful accomplishments of his career. He always enjoyed breakfast and the spirited discussions with his "Saturday Morning Group" of veterans each week.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-two years Sunny and three children: Shelley Shaver of Sacramento, California; Doctor William (Andy) Shaver of Lubbock, Texas, and Dan and Karen Shaver of Garland, Texas, and grandchildren:

Ariel, Brent, Richard, Sarah, Jennifer, Mindy, and two great grandchildren, Addison and Jack.

Judge Shaver was an active member of Oakwood United Methodist Church and he and Sunny attended the Fellowship Class at Oakwood for over 50 years. Donations In lieu of flowers may be made to Meals on Wheels, Oakwood United Methodist Church, or the Covenant Auxiliary Gift of Life.

As a Judge, he was fair and just. He loved and breathed the law, and always had a tender spot for the less fortunate, the maltreated, and women and children.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

Oakwood United Methodist Church  
2215 58th. St.  
Lubbock, TX 79412

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Judge William R. (Bill) Shaver



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - December 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ My grandfather was truly a great man and an inspiration to many, including me. He was a good man, and taught my mother and myself how to be truly good people. He lived a long, full and amazing life. He was loved by many, and created a wonderful family and circle of friends. I miss him so much, but he had a meaningful time here on earth and is now in heaven. I'm sad for this loss, but grateful for my time with him and that I was able to make him proud. His memory will live on with our positive thoughts, actions, and stories forever. He has made an impact for the better that will spread far and wide beyond the time he had here. For one person, he made such a big difference. I love you Grandpa.

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**Ariel Shaver Lee** - December 15, 2013 at 02:47 PM

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“ I was so sad to hear of Judge Shaver's passing. My sincere condolence to his family in this time of loss.

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I was Judge Shaver's Court Clerk for 4 years in the early 90's.

*Helen Kizer*

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**Helen Kizer** - December 15, 2013 at 02:39 PM

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“ Helen Kizer sent a virtual gift in memory of Judge William R. (Bill) Shaver



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**Helen Kizer** - December 15, 2013 at 01:57 PM