



Roy Marshall Bennett Jr.

June 19, 1927 - October 12, 2014

Roy Marshall Bennett Jr., 87, died Sunday in Bartlesville, OK.

Roy was born in Brownwood, TX, the son of Roy and Ruby Faye (Jones) Bennett on June 19, 1927. His family lived in various locations but Abilene was where he called home. Roy worked with his father selling and repairing sewing machines. He attended Abilene Christian College where he met the love of his life Deanne. They were united in marriage on July 21, 1950. They moved to Iowa and Roy taught at Iowa State while earning his masters and PhD degrees. He later taught at Texas A&M before moving the family to Alaska in 1979 to work on the North Slope. In 1981 they moved to Bartlesville and worked for Phillips Petroleum Co., then to Saudi Arabia and back to Bartlesville before moving to Houston. Roy retired from DART after 17 years of service in 2007. He moved once again to Bartlesville in 2013 to be near his daughter BJ. Deanne preceded him in death in 2008.

Roy had a lifelong passion for learning and was an advocate for higher education, mentoring many college students. He loved working on sewing machines, hunting, fishing and reading his favorite author Louis L'Amour who wrote stories about the American frontier. Roy was a member of Lakeside Church of Christ for many years. He and Deanne loved to travel and always made the effort to visit and attend important milestones in their grandchildren's lives. He will be dearly missed.

Roy is survived by his four children, Marshall Bennett of Norman, OK, Debra Bennett of Arlington, TX, Kellee Flemmons of Round Rock, TX, and BJ Stevenson of Bartlesville, OK; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Celebration of Life services will be held 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 21, 2014, at the Church of Christ in Mansfield, TX. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with Roy's family at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.