



JOSEPH RHOADES

December 25, 1915 - December 18, 2006

SPRINGTOWN -- Joe W. Rhoades, 90, a retired osteopathic doctor, died peacefully Monday morning, Dec. 18, 2006, at his ranch. ♂ Funeral: 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel at Robertson Mueller Harper. The Rev. Lawrence M. Hammond will officiate. Burial: following military honors, Joe will be laid to rest next to his wife, Helen, in Greenwood Memorial Park. Bearers of his casket will be Tyler Wilkerson, John Paul Weaver, Marcus Weaver, Matt Enzler, Ryan Dunlap, Carson Dunlap, Jimmy Bowen, Dr. Steve Brown, Jerry Carr, John Driver and Junior Kolar. Visitation: Dr. Rhoades will lie in state on Wednesday in the Parlor at Robertson Mueller Harper; his family will receive friends in the Great Room from 5 to 7 p.m. ♂ Memorials: Consideration of contributions to the Salvation Army or to the American Heart Fund in memory of Joe is suggested. ♂ A native of Rockwall, Joseph Walker Rhoades was born Christmas Day, 1915, the son of Charles Frank and Battice Lofland Rhoades. He received an engineering degree from Texas A&M in 1939. ♂ Following graduation, Joe worked for the Civilian Conservation Corp. as a civil engineer until joining the U.S. Army. He served in the 38th Infantry, 2nd Division during World War II and was discharged May 28, 1946, at the rank of major. ♂ Joe graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery in May, 1952. He and his wife, Helen moved to Fort Worth to raise their children and establish his practice in White Settlement. In 1959, Dr. Rhoades and his partners broke ground on White Settlement's first hospital. ♂ After 50 years of practice and at the age of 80, Dr. Rhoades retired and moved to his ranch in Springtown.

There he continued to pursue his passions of ranching, family, friends and horses. ♂ In addition to his parents and wife, Helen, Joe was preceded in death by his siblings, Amy and Bud. ♂ Survivors: children, Sharon Rhoades Wilkerson of Weatherford, Marilyn Rhoades Weaver and her husband, John, of Plano, and Joe A. Rhoades of Springtown; grandchildren, Wm. Tyler Wilkerson and his wife, Karmen, Stacey Wilkerson, John Paul Weaver and his wife, Becky, Marcus S. Weaver and his wife, Whitney, Dara Enzler and her husband, Matt, Ryan Dunlap, Carson Dunlap and Paige Dunlap; great-grandchildren, William Wilkerson, Brooke Wilkerson, Jack Weaver and Anna Weaver; and several nieces, nephews and their families.

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