



Leonard Ray Fitzgerald

OIL CITY, LA - Services for Leonard Ray Fitzgerald, will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 26, 2003 at Vivian United Methodist Church. Officiating will be Dr. Ramonalynn Bethley. Burial will follow at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Oil City. Visitation will be held on Sunday, May 25, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at McGuire Funeral Home in Vivian.

Leonard was born on October 19, 1932, in Marion County, TX. He passed away May 22, 2003 in Shreveport, LA, surrounded by his loved ones.

Leonard was an independent oil producer in this area for over 40 years and was honored in 1986 as "Oilman of the Year" by the Caddo-Pine Island Oil & Historical Society. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed sharing his ranch in east Texas with his family and friends.

Leonard exemplified kindness and generosity in his many community activities. He was a charter member of the Oil City Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He is former Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Jefferson, Texas, and of the North Caddo Memorial Hospital. He is a former Oil City Gusher Days "Man of the Year" and was a member of the Board of Directors for the Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum. He was involved in many other organizations including the Norwela Council of the Boy Scouts, the Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery Board, the North Caddo Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, the Texas Cattlemen's Association, and the Louisiana Independent Oil and Gas Association.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, John Ambrose Fitzgerald and Annie Mae Fitzgerald Steward; his brother, John Lawrence Fitzgerald; and his wife, Jane Mathews Fitzgerald.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jane W. Fitzgerald; and daughters Angie Byerley and husband David, of McLeod, TX, Lisa Brantly and husband, Tim, of Shreveport, LA, and Leone Fitzgerald Brown, and husband, Edmund, of Shreveport, LA; step-son Mark White of Dallas, TX; grandchildren, Brittany Bordelon, Janey Byerley, Lauren Byerley, and Bryan Brantly; and sisters Bonnie Handrick of Big Lake, TX, Daisy Hart of Jefferson, TX, and Wanda Camp and husband, Mike of Jefferson, TX. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and very special caregiver Gloria Rolland.

Pallbearers will be Dr. John H. Haynes, Kenneth Darnell, Bobby Joe Comer, T. J. Lundy, David Little, and Howard Love. Honorary pallbearers will be John Ballard, Shannon Boyles, Millard Law and J. C. Johnson.

Memorials may be made to Vivian United Methodist Church or Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum.

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