

CHARLES FREDRICK FORD

1942-2008

DECATUR: Charles Fredrick Ford, 66, a longtime Decatur business and civic leader, died on Monday, July 21, 2008.

Charles was born on July 23, 1942 in Dalhart, Texas to Charles Henry and Bonnie Fay (Richey) Ford. Charles married Patsy Bolton on November 12, 1961 in Bryan, Texas. He and Patsy were owners of Russell's Department Store in Decatur and in Bowie for many years. Charles was past president and director of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Texas Retailer's Association. He was active in the Decatur Retail Merchant's Association and he pioneered "Lucky 1" and "Moonlight Madness." Charles served on the Decatur water board, and on the Decatur School Board.

He was a deacon and a teacher of Sunday school classes for over 30 years at the First Baptist Church of Decatur. Charles also was a longtime volunteer and coach of the youth sports in Decatur.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Ford of Decatur; son, Charles Russell "Rusty" Ford and wife, Johna of Paradise; daughter, Chrystal Holson and husband, Ronald of Decatur; grandchildren Brayden and Addyson Ford of Paradise and Caycee and Carson Holson of Decatur; mother, Wilma Ford of Bowie; brother, Bobby Ford and wife, Beverly of Cor-sicana; sister, Phyllis Maddux and husband, Donald of Chico; mother-in-law, Esther Bolton of Decatur; brother-in-law, Doug Bolton of Decatur; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 23rd at the First Baptist Church of Decatur with the reverends, Gerre Joiner and Ken May officiating.

Pallbearers were Jody For-man, Fulton Fenner, Jerry Mara, Bob Wadsworth, Eric Vincent, and Loyd Jackson.

The family request that memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, Building Fund, 1200 W. Preskitt Road, Decatur, Texas 76234.

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