

RONDAL L. "RON" CHEVES

1932-2011

Rondal L. Cheves died on July 23, 2011.

He was born April 4, 1932 in Willow Point, Texas to Woodrow and Leta Cheves.

A tenacious, hard working young man, he hitchhiked to Texas A&M, where he earned his bachelor's degree, then served bravely leading troops during the Cold War in Germany and returned stateside to earn a Masters Degree in Entomology in 1958.

He had a very successful business career culminating in his position as Vice President of Fison's Chemical Corporation in Wilmington Delaware in the 1980's.

Ron lived a life full of love, laughter, music, athletics and family adventures. His charismatic personality, Texas wisdom and quick smile will be greatly missed by those who loved him dearly, but his legacy is secure in the love and wisdom that he so freely passed on to his family every day. His was the story of a life well lived.

Despite his military and business success, he took his greatest pride and leaves his most lasting legacy through his family.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Patsy Vinson Cheves, daughter Lee Ann and husband, Rick Lukianuk and their children Jordan and Kyle, as well as daughter Susan Stivala and husband Tom and their children, Leah and Thomas. Ron is also survived by his brother Harold and wife, Jan, both of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Ron's other brother, James, of Bridgeport, Texas, as well as extended family members.

He has chosen to donate his body to Baylor Medical Center for research and so a memorial service for family and friends will be held later in the fall in Ennis, Texas.

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