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*DENTON:* Ronald (Ronnie) Burton Roberts, 78, of Denton, died on March 9, 2013, at his home.

He was born October 2, 1934, in Bridgeport, to Mildred Loraine Singleton Roberts and Elmer Loyd Roberts. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Denton. Ronnie was raised in Bridgeport, graduating from BHS in 1951. He participated in sports, lettered in football, and was voted Mr. BHS of 1951-1952. He married Terry Morris/Monett, on March 22, 1952, and to the marriage were born Beverly Donna, who was deceased on May 3, 1956, Diane Roberts Stevens, Byrle Roberts, and Joe Roberts, all of Denton.

Ronnie is survived by his wife of over sixty years, Terry; his daughter Diane Stevens and husband, Steve; sons Byrle Roberts and Joe Roberts and wife, Anne and Nina Roberts, all of Denton; grandchildren Robby Stevens and wife, Denise, of Saginaw,

Austin Ryder Roberts, Christopher James Roberts, and Erin Nicole Roberts, all of Denton; great grandchildren, Maya and Ella Stevens, of Saginaw; brother, Tommy Jay Roberts and wife, Claudia, of Ft. Worth; sister Vicki Shisler and husband, Don, both of Bridgeport and Ft. Worth; and by nephews, nieces, cousins, and many friends.

Preceding Ronnie in death were his daughter Beverly, his parents, grandparents, and many aunts, and uncles.

Ronnie attended NTSU (now UNT) in Denton, Texas A & M Extension in College Station, and Hawes-Kaplan Univ. in Dallas. He was employed by Moore Business Forms in Denton for 34 years, and served in several supervisory capacities, including Plant Manager, in both Denton and Temecula, CA. He finished his 16-year second career as a licensed realtor with Jimmy Brown Realtor of Denton. Ronnie served as President of the M.O.O.R.E. Chapter of Retired Employees from 1994-2012. Ronnie was a strong advocate and supporter of school sports and activities, and of summer youth baseball. He headed Denton Boys Baseball as President for 13 years, was active as a coach for 24 years, and led a Parks & Rec. Parks Bond Election that resulted in the construction of the Denton Senior Center facility, Denia and North Lakes Rec. Centers, tennis court and multiple baseball, softball, soccer, and football fields to accommodate citizens of all ages, youth through senior citizen. He also served on the Denton Parks and Recreation Board for six years. As a result of his work with the community, the Denton City Council honored him and his wife by naming the regulation-sized baseball field at Mack Park "Roberts Field". He served as a State Director of Texas Teenage Baseball for several years, and received the TTAB Memorial Award for Outstanding State Tournament for boys 15-16.

Ronnie served as President and Vice President, respectively, during his 34 years as a football official in the Denton Chapter of Southwest Football Officials, was active in the Bryan College Station Chapter, and officiated the Texas All Star High School Football game in 1989.

Ronnie's love for his church was illustrated in his leadership as a Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, Teacher, and Youth Leader at the Bridgeport Assembly of God Church. He sang gospel music as a soloist and worked in several churches as interim music leader. Ronnie was a Director of the Career Singles, and also served as a Greeter during the Christmas production of the Living Christmas Tree while at First Baptist Denton.

One of the highlights of his life was in 2010 when he was inducted onto the Bridgeport High School Wall of Fame. Ronnie and his wife made many trips to Branson, Missouri, New York City, and the West Coast. Their favorite was Branson.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 14, 2013, at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church, 1100 Mal-one St. in Denton, with Rev. Cliff Feeler, officiating. A graveside service was held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2013 at Bridgeport's East Side Cemetery, Bridgeport, TX.

Memorials may be made to Denton Boys Baseball Inc.

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