

DR. LEO VALENTINE (HOEY) SELZ JR.

1921-2009

BRIDGEPORT: Dr. Leo Valentine (Hoey) Selz Jr. 87 of Bridgeport, died on Tuesday December 15, 2009 in Bridgeport.

Leo was born December 31, 1921 in Pilot Point, Texas, to the late Leo and Bessie Selz.

He served our country in the Army Air Corp from 1943 to 1946. Leo flew the C-46 Commander which was the largest twin engine airplane in the world at the time. He earned his wings at Randolph Field, San Antonio in 1944. Leo served as an instructor there and at Connelly Field at Waco until his transfer to the South Pacific, where he transported men and supplies out of Japan until the war ended. Hoey, as most called him, graduated from Pilot Point High School in 1939 and also from the University of North Texas with a BA in Chemistry. He then graduated from the Texas School of Dentistry in Houston in 1951. Leo began his dental practice in Bridgeport shortly after and became part of many organizations that include: Lion's Club, Shriners, lifetime member of the Texas Dental Association, lifetime member of the Methodist Church and a member of the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce where he was awarded citizen of the year in 1982. He also served many civic duties starting with two terms on the city council from 1974 to 1977, planning and zoning 1986 to 1988, airport board 1969 to 2009 and economic development board from 2004 to 2008.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors: wife Nell Selz; sons, Milton Selz and wife Laura, Dr. Dan Selz and wife Dr. Debbie and Dr. Scott Selz and wife Debbie; grandchildren, Edward Selz and wife Jennifer, Daniel, Allison, Andrea, Chet, Klent and Karli Selz.

Funeral was at 1:00 p.m. Friday, December 18, at the First United Methodist Church of Bridgeport, with burial at East Bridgeport Cemetery.

Pallbearers were his grandchildren: Edward, Daniel, Allison, Andrea, Chet, Klent, and Karli Selz. Honorary pallbearers were Carl Ray Jones and Howard Meyers.

Reverend Johnny Irish and Reverend Dana Coker officiated.

*Jones Family Funeral Home
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