

Spiller, James Madison | 1932-2011
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Funeral for James Madison Spiller, 79, of Jacksboro was Oct. 13 at the First United Methodist Church in Jacksboro with burial at Oakwood Cemetery.

Spiller died Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, in Houston.

Born Feb. 2, 1932, in Jacksboro to Kyle and Lee Spiller, he was an attorney for 52 years and practiced with Spiller and Spiller. He owned Spiller Abstract Co., founded by his grandfather in 1888, the oldest family-owned service business in Jack County. Spiller was also an oil and gas operator and a rancher.

He graduated from Jacksboro High School in 1949. Spiller served in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls when he met Mary Ellen Hutson. They married Aug. 18, 1956. Spiller earned his bachelor of laws and doctor of jurisprudence degrees from the University of Texas at Austin in 1959.

Spiller was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Jacksboro, where he was a Sunday school teacher for the Aldersgate Class. He was also an Eagle Scout and served for many years as Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 111 of Jacksboro. Spiller served on the Jacksboro School Board and as city attorney for Jacksboro. He was a member of the Jaycees, the Lions Club and the Jacksboro Chamber of Commerce. Spiller was a cancer survivor of 24 years.

He was preceded in death by brothers George, Malcolm and Kyle Spiller.

Spiller is survived by his wife; sons David Spiller and wife, Ginger, and Scott Spiller and wife, Laura, all of Jacksboro; daughter Karen Forbis and husband, Chris, of Decatur; grandsons Mason, Reid, Drew and Kyle Spiller, all of Jacksboro, and Alex and Joel Forbis of Decatur; and nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 406 N. Main St., Jacksboro, TX 76458; the Jacksboro Community Pool Project, P.O. Box 610, Jacksboro, TX 76458; or to a charity of choice.

Online memorial is at <http://www.cokerfuneral.com>.