

Reppeto, Joe F., Sr. | 1929-2012

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Joe F. Reppeto Sr.

Memorial service for Joe F. Reppeto Sr., 82, of Decatur was March 12 at Greenwood Funeral Home in Fort Worth.

Reppeto died Thursday, March 8, 2012.

Born June 24, 1929, in Fort Worth, to Carl and Marion Reppeto, he attended Paschal High School. He married Josie Schwartz in Fort Worth Feb. 17, 1954. They lived in Jackson, Miss., from the early 1960s until 1981.

Reppeto graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in animal husbandry and served as an officer in the U.S. Army in the Korean War.

After returning from the war, he began his lifelong career in the cattle business at the Fort Worth Stockyards as a cattle buyer for Thompson, Tuttle and Thompson Order Buyers. He worked in the ranching and marketing of beef cattle in Texas, Mississippi, New Mexico and Colorado for 57 years.

He helped pioneer the electronic marketing of cattle via computer and satellite feed with Texas Livestock Marketing in the early 1990s that led to today's Internet livestock sales. He mentored and trained young cattlemen.

Reppeto hunted and fished. He was a member of Oak Grove United Methodist Church of Decatur, where he was a board member and leader.

He was preceded in death by brother Bill Reppeto.

Reppeto is survived by his wife; sons Jody and wife, Lisa, and Andy and wife, Christy; grandchildren J.P. and Kate; sister Martha Hopler; sisters-in-law Nancy Perkins and Mary Berry and husband, Lindy; and nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers were Sam Riddell, Don Keeling, Ken Lieber, Jim Simons, Paul Burrough, Mark Curry Jr., John Stanley, Paul Hicks, Kelly Myers, Don Stephens, Doug Dunkel, Alvin Nored and Greg Randall.

Memorials may be made to Oak Grove UMC, 1295 Greenwood Road, Decatur, TX 75234, or a charity of choice.