

Sellman, Collis Dixon | 1934-2012

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Funeral for Collis Dixon Sellman, 78, of Hawkins was June 18 at Holly Lake Church of Christ in Hawkins with Bill Holt officiating. Burial was at DFW National Cemetery.

Sellman died Thursday, June 14, 2012, in Tyler.

Born March 20, 1934, in Dallas to Collis Fred and Marguerite Sellman, he graduated from Bridgeport High School in 1952 and attended North Texas State University in Denton. He married Billye Sue Kelley May 15, 1955. Sellman began his military service in June 1956 and was stationed at Presidio Army Base in San Francisco.

He owned The Valley Mills Tribune, The Crawford Sun and The Progress newspapers from 1961 to 1998. He was a 25-year member of the Three Rivers Lions Club and was selected as Citizen of the Year by the City of George West and was named a Community Builder by the George West Masonic Lodge.

Sellman wrote "From Acorns to Live Oaks," a historical digest of Live Oak County in his retirement. He also started a manuscript on the Sellman family, "Ink to Blood," which is to be completed by his younger brother, John. He was a Sunday school teacher and deacon at the First Baptist Churches of Valley Mills and George West. He later became a member of the Holly Lake Church of Christ.

Sellman was preceded in death by son Collis Michael.

He is survived by son Steve Sellman and wife, Susan, of Valley Mills; daughter Kelley Rogers and husband, James, of Nashville; granddaughter Hillary Sellman; sisters Nancy Dugan and husband, Jim, and Sue Womack and husband, Gilbert, all of Arlington; brothers Bob Sellman and wife, Linda, of Hawkins and John Sellman and wife, Pam, of Mart; nieces and nephews.