

Charles Lucius Renshaw | 1935-2014

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Charles Lucius Renshaw, 78, of Decatur, died peacefully Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, at a Fort Worth hospital, surrounded by family and friends after suffering a stroke.

Memorial service is 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Christ Chapel Bible Church in Fort Worth.

Dr. Renshaw was born April 2, 1935, in Fort Worth to Horace Stephen and Carol Jim Roberts Renshaw. He attended Fort Worth schools, graduating from Paschal High School in 1953. He studied chemistry and pre-med at Texas Christian University and was the first president of the TCU chapter of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He graduated in 1957.

He studied medicine at Johns Hopkins Medical School in Baltimore and trained in orthopedic surgery at the Brigham and Women's, Children's, and Mass General hospitals in Boston. Initially, Dr. Renshaw practiced orthopedic surgery with his father, Dr. H.S. Renshaw, in Fort Worth and later with Dr. James Swink. He served as an Army surgeon in Fort Ord, Calif., for two years. He was chief of staff at All Saints' Hospital. Before he retired from his medical practice, he graduated from TCU's Ranch Management program. In 1990, he moved to the family ranch in Decatur and began a full-time calf-cow operation.

He loved the land and was a farmer at heart and a physician by trade who cared for his patients. He deeply loved his family and friends and his down-to-earth style, wisdom and loyalty welcomed a broad spectrum of friends. He lived a life that exhibited one of his favorite quotes from "Hamlet" by Shakespeare: "This above all: to thine own self be true."

Dr. Renshaw is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sally Marie Tull Renshaw; their children, Vance Renshaw with his wife, Rebecca, and their children, Kalah, Sean and Chelsea; Lisa Patenaude and her husband, Mark, and their children, Lucius, Adrian and Andy; Scott Renshaw and his daughter, Olivia; and Julie Weber and her husband, Stephen, and their children, Charles and Olivia. In all, he had nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.