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Scott Alan Spiller, 46, of Jacksboro, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014, in Jacksboro. Memorial service is 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at the First United Methodist Church of Jacksboro. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery under the direction of Coker Funeral Home in Jacksboro.

Scott was born March 10, 1968, in Wichita Falls to Jim and Mary Spiller. He graduated from Jacksboro High School in 1986 and received both a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the University of Texas at Austin in 1990. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from UT Austin in 1994. While attending law school, he was on the staff of James E. “Pete” Laney, Speaker of the Texas House, and served as committee clerk for the House State Affairs Committee. While in college he met Laura Collazos, and they were married Jan. 7, 1995, in Houston.

Scott was an attorney for 20 years, practicing with the firm of Spiller and Spiller in Jacksboro for 16 years after serving as an assistant attorney general in Houston for four years. While in Houston, he also served as a law school admissions test instructor for The Princeton Review. Scott was also an employee of Spiller Abstract Co., the oldest family-owned service business in Jack County, formed in 1888 by his great-grandfather Capt. George Spiller, and later owned by his grandfather, Kyle Spiller, and his father, Jim Spiller. Scott was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church of Jacksboro, where he chaired the administrative council, played the piano and directed the bell choir. He was a president and director of the Jacksboro Chamber of Commerce, director of the Jacksboro Economic Development Corp., member of the Lions Club and the Jacksboro Board of Zoning Adjustments, as well as a director of the Jacksboro High School Alumni Association. Scott served as municipal court judge for the city of Jacksboro for years and was a life member of the University of Texas Ex-Students’ Association. He was a survivor of peritoneal mesothelioma for five years.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Spiller of Jacksboro; sons Drew and Kyle Spiller of Jacksboro; mother Mary Spiller of Jacksboro; brother David Spiller and wife, Ginger, of Jacksboro; sister Karen Forbis and husband, Chris, of Decatur; nephews Mason and Reid Spiller of Jacksboro, and Alex and Joel Forbis of Decatur; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Elvert and Linda Collazos of Houston.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, 1317 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314, www.curemeso.org; the First United Methodist Church, 406 N. Main Street, Jacksboro, TX 76458; or any charity of the donor’s choice.