

Richard Timothy Rieger | 1950-2016

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Richard “Tim” Rieger

Richard Timothy “Tim” Rieger, 66, of Decatur, died Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016, in Decatur. Funeral is 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at the First United Methodist Church in Decatur with Dr. Brian Bosworth and the Rev. Joe Ed Goolsby officiating. Visitation is 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the home of Eric Rieger. Pallbearers are Gage Rieger, Mack Rieger, Stephen Manning, William Manning, Walker Black, Rusty Cox, Tanner Searight, Kyle Searight and Scott Black. Honorary pallbearers are Kurt Gehring, Gary Prescott, Ted Taylor, Donnie Baker, Rick Poe, Thom Lambert, Bob Cheatham, Emmett Rieger and Mark Wiley. Tim was born June 21, 1950, in Decatur to R.T. and Elizabeth Donehoo Rieger. He was educated in Decatur schools, then went to Texas Tech University to major in telecommunications. He married Sally Searight May 11, 1974, in Amarillo. Tim had a varied career, beginning with news director and manager of KGAF radio in Gainesville. He also worked for various banks, ending his career with Federal Home Loan Bank, where he was a collateral agent. Civic pride and love of family sparked his interest in community activities. Tim served as a city councilman and mayor pro tem for Gainesville. He was also a president of Gainesville Boys and Girls Club for several terms, Lions Club of Decatur, Jaycees in Gainesville and the Optimist Club where he also was elected lieutenant governor. The Gainesville Booster Club was another interest, and he served the group as president. Tim loved serving breakfast in his home to his sons’ football teams, and he coached various soccer and baseball teams for his sons. Tim was part of the Spirit of Christmas, Wreaths Across America, administrative boards of Whaley United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church of Decatur. After moving back to Decatur, Tim was chairman of planning and zoning and economic development. He and Sally helped bring Court Appointed Special Advocates to Wise County.

He is survived by his wife; sons Eric Rieger and wife, Marie, and Brad Rieger and wife, Jenny; grandsons Gage, Mack and Emmett; sister Cynthia DesRoches; niece Lori Black Manning; nephew Scott Black; and extended family members, including great-nephews, great-nieces and in-laws. Memorial donations may be made to the Gainesville Boys and Girls Club, Raquel’s Wings for Life in Decatur or a charity of choice.