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Jack Franklin Truitt

Jack Franklin Truitt, 75, of Forestburg, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018, in Forestburg.

A family service will be held at a later date.

Jack was born Nov. 23, 1942, in Defiance, Ohio. He was a football player with Tennessee's Oak Ridge High School that won the state and national championships in 1958. Jack went to North Texas State University (NTSU) in 1961 with a full football scholarship. He married Sharon Gael Truitt Dec. 22, 1961.

Jack earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1963 and Master of Business Administration in 1967 at NTSU. He was president and vice president of Beta Alpha Psi, a professional accounting fraternity, and recipient of the NTSU Beta Pi Chapter Athletic Scholarship.

After a year with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., he earned a Ph.D. in accounting at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign in 1975. At the same time he taught accounting for Southern Illinois University, the University of Illinois and military personnel in the MBA programs for the Military Air Command.

After a year as head of the University of Idaho Accounting Department, Jack moved to Washington State University in nearby Pullman, where he continued to teach managerial and financial accounting. He published academic articles and participated in professional accounting, finance, and accounting history organizations. He served in the faculty senate until he retired in 1994 to return to Texas.

For 12 summers, Jack and Sharon enjoyed owning and operating Top of the World Store located on the Wyoming/Montana border. While teaching at the University of Idaho, Jack farmed. He raised winter wheat and barley at the base of Moscow Mountain north of Moscow, Idaho.

In 1994, Jack and Sharon moved their farming equipment by rail to their current farm northwest of Forestburg where they bred and sold registered black Angus cattle.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years; son Jack Coleman Truitt and wife, Cindy Kay; daughter Catherine Calero Truitt Castle and husband, Danial; brother Richard Lee Truitt; sisters Nancy Gail Truitt Williams and Sandra Jean Truitt LaCour; and seven grandchildren.