

Van Meter, Arch W. | 1932-2018

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Arch W. Van Meter

Arch W. Van Meter, 86, of Fort Worth, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2018.

Memorial service was Sept. 28 at the First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth. A private burial was at Thurmond Fairview Cemetery near Rhome.

Arch was born July 2, 1932, in Decatur to Archibald Belmont Van Meter and Allie Chambers Van Meter. He graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1953, where he later earned a master's degree. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955.

Upon discharge, he married Patsy Thurmond, his wife of 62 years.

Arch was a longtime biology teacher at Arlington Heights High School. He retired in 1990 and was honored with the Arch Van Meter Science Scholarship.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Inquirers Class. While serving on church boards and committees, he also volunteered in its garden.

Arch was a member of Alpha Tau Omega, The Mustang Club, The Hilltop Society and Dallas Hall Societies. He was also a supporter of the SMU Mustang Band with scholarships and contributions for the newly built band hall.

Arch maintained a herd of Angus cattle on Chambers-Van Meter land, which had been in the family for more than 100 years.

He is survived by his wife; sons John Van Meter and wife, Jacqui, David Van Meter and Philip Van Meter and wife, Donna; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church Foundation, Cook Children's Medical Center, The Warm Place or a favorite charity.