



Sivley, Robert E.

1934-2019

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Robert E. Sivley, 84, of Runaway Bay, passed away Tuesday, July 2, 2019, in Denton.

Memorial service is 11 a.m. Saturday, July 6, at the First Baptist Church in Bridgeport. Dr. Craig Erb and Dr. Travis Hart will officiate.

Robert was born Aug. 19, 1934, in Fannin County to James Isaac and Mamie Pearl Sivley. He graduated from Honey Grove High School in 1953 and McMurry College in Abilene in 1960. He was united in marriage to Janice Myers Aug. 6, 1960, in Colorado City.

Robert began his coaching and teaching career in Whitewright in 1960.

After three years, he moved to Bridgeport where he was a coach and teacher for two years. From 1965 to 1969, Robert was principal, teacher and athletic director at Chico High School. He served as superintendent at Poolville ISD for three years and high school principal at Olton ISD for 11 years.

In 1983, the family moved to Runaway Bay, and he served as Bridgeport High School principal for 11 years. Robert retired in 1994. After retirement, he spent 10 years doing GED testing for prisons in Bridgeport and Jacksboro. He also sold real estate for Century 21 for seven years.

Robert was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bridgeport. In 1970, he was ordained as a deacon at the First Baptist Church in Poolville. He was a member of the Bridgeport Lions Club where he participated in the Bookmart program. Robert built the first library box for the Little Free Library at Runaway Bay. He enjoyed playing golf and was a member of the Runaway Bay Men's Golf Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Ralph Sivley; and sister Mamie Ruth Brady.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 58 years, Janice Sivley of Runaway Bay; son Rob Sivley and wife, Dennise, of Midlothian; daughter Shelle Pitman and husband, Brian, of Austin; grandchildren Kelsee, Reid and Trevor Pitman, Troy Greenamyre and Jennifer Sam; and great-grandchildren Liberty, Elijah and Emma Sam; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family requests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, Bridgeport Food Pantry.