



Travis R. Roberts

1935–2020

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Decatur ~ Travis R. Roberts, 84, died peacefully in Decatur on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020. Funeral is 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at the First United Methodist Church in Decatur with burial at Oaklawn Cemetery.

The Rev. Kevin Casey and Cassie Wade will officiate. Pallbearers will include Steven Roberts, Carey Davis, Jason Roberts, Cory Hicks, Mike Allen, Dale Barkley and Mitch Carthel.

Travis was born Sept. 12, 1935, to Benjamine Franklin and Modena (Lovejoy) Roberts in Chico. He was united in marriage to Marguarette Alice Dukes Aug. 18, 1983, in Corpus Christi. Travis lived in Decatur until he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served two years stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso and was honorably discharged in 1960. Travis operated

three Chevron gas stations until 1970 when he accepted a job with James A. Cardwell and Gilbert "Rip" Russell. Together they owned a corporation that operated a Chevron truck terminal. The corporation experienced growth and expanded into ownership of Arrow Building Corp, C&R Distributing, El Paso Thermo King, El Paso Truck Center, a chain of Piggy Bank Gas Stations in two states, Royal Crown Auto Car Washes and C&R Unattended Auto Fuels. In 1975, a completely new concept of travel centers was designed, and the first one was built in El Paso. It became the crown jewel of all auto truck facilities. Today Petro Travel Centers are a chain that serves the United States coast to coast. Travis retired in 2002 as vice president and moved back home to Decatur.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Jerry Don Roberts.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 36 years, Marguarette Roberts of Decatur; his daughters, Lisa Hicks of El Paso, Lori Prouse and husband, Richard, of Tillamook, Ore., Deborah Whitaker of Seattle, Wash., Tamara Carthel and husband, Mitch, of Amarillo and Sonja Scanlan of El Paso; his grandchildren, Tiffany Prouse, Nicole Prouse, Richard Prouse Jr., Corey Hicks, Justin Scanlan and Madeline Grall; his sisters, Doris Brown, Sue Jones, Wanda Cox, Betty Kenon, Mary Myers and Shirley Stewart; his brothers, Ben Roberts, Kenneth Roberts, Charles Roberts and James Roberts; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

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