



Lee Allen Waldrop

1928-2020

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Lee Allen Waldrop, of Boyd, passed away at his home Monday, Nov. 30, 2020, at the age of 92.

He will be remembered by family and friends as a loving husband, kind and gentle father and grandfather, dedicated church deacon, pilot, musician, fixer of the broken, proud patriot and U.S. Navy veteran.

Lee was born July 7, 1928, in McLean to Elbert Earl and Annie Opal Waldrop. He was a hardhat diver during World War II and proudly served at Pearl Harbor when he was only 17. As an aircraft mechanic and private pilot, he had the opportunity to pursue his love of flying. He also loved to scuba dive, water ski, fish and play the bass guitar. Lee loved good fishing, good preaching and good music.

As a tool designer for Harbison Fischer Manufacturing, Lee worked on cutting edge designs still used in the oil industry today. After he retired for the second time at the age of 70 from the Fort Worth Star Telegram, he tinkered his days away in his shop, working on lawn mowers, bicycles, woodshop projects, and anything with

gears or a motor. If it could be fixed, he could fix it.

A humble servant, a patient teacher, a tireless laborer, his greatest joy was sharing God's word with those he met. He wanted everyone to have a relationship with the Lord.

Lee is survived by his wife, Carol Waldrop of Boyd; three sons, Alan Waldrop and wife, Gail, of Jacksonville, Randy Waldrop of Maui, Hawaii, and Johnny Shreve and wife, Melisa, of Greenville; one daughter, Amy Vester and husband, Philip, of Fort Worth; one brother, Clarence Waldrop of Kennedale; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his baby sister Alma; his first wife, Ronell Land; and his mother and father.

A celebration of Lee's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 at Trinity Baptist Church in Boyd. His brother-in-law, the Rev. Charles Day will officiate.