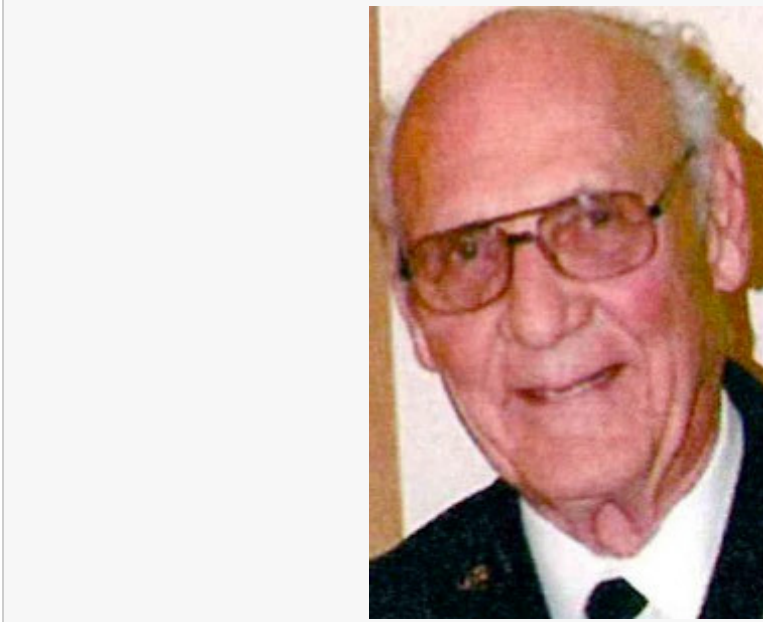


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Leon Givler

Col. Leon Jay Givler, 86, of Jacksboro, died Wednesday, May 3, 2017, in Fort Worth. Memorial service is 3 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Coker Funeral Home in Jacksboro with the Rev. Larry Shields officiating.

Leon was born June 11, 1930, in Ephrata, Pa., to Harold and Esther Givler. He graduated from Ephrata High School in 1948 and then attended Wyomissing Polytechnic for two years. He finished his education with a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado. Leon joined the army in 1952. After four years as an enlisted soldier, he attended Officer Candidate School, rising to the rank of full colonel.

Leon played five sports at post level and achieved all star in all five. He served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars and retired after 29 years of service. Leon was passionate for growing roses and sharing them with the community. He enjoyed golfing and card games, wrote one book and was in the process of writing a second. He married Mary Geer in 1960.

Leon was accomplished at many things and considered being a father of six as his greatest achievement. In 2013, Leon and Mary moved to a retirement community in Granbury, where he enjoyed various activities and many new friends.

Leon was preceded in death by his parents; and son Mike Fowler.

He is survived by his wife; children Kathy Branscom of Jacksboro, Rosanne Mitchell and husband, Michael, of Tonto Basin, Ariz., Perry Geer and wife, Terry, of Granbury; Mike Givler and wife, Margaret, of Weatherford and Pam Givler of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; twin brother Lloyd; brother Donald; sister Joanne Kestner; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.