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O SCAR OTTO LEATH, JR.

HE WAS BORN NOVEMBER 16, 1927, IN THE ELDERVILLE COMMUNITY IN RUSK COUNTY, TO OSCAR O. LEATH, SR.

AND CLELLA ADAMS LEATH BOTH MEMBERS OF PIONEER

FAMILIES. HE WENT HOME TO BE WITH HIS LORD ON

JUNE 14, 2007.

OSCAR WAS A 1947 GRADUATE OF PINE TREE HIGH SCHOOL

WHERE HE WAS ON THE FOOTBALL TEAM FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

HE ATTENDED KILGORE COLLEGE FOR TWO YEARS AFTER

HE RETURNED FROM KOREA.

HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AS AN AIR

POLICEMAN DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT FROM 1950-

1954 AND OBTAINED THE RANK OF STAFF SERGEANT. HE SERVED IN KOREA DURING THE LAST MONTHS OF HIS SERVICE.

HE MARRIED MADELYN CATHERINE YOUNG IN 1951 AT THE



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TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH IN PICKTON, TEXAS. HE WAS STATIONED AT BROOKS AIR FORCE BASE IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS AT THE TIME.

HE ENJOYED MANY INTERESTS INCLUDING HUNTING, FISHING,

GOLF, AND TRAVEL. HE ALSO FOUND TIME TO VOLUNTEER

AS A LITTLE LEAGUE COACH AND ASSISTED WITH THE

LEADERSHIP OF A SCOUT TROUP.

HE WAS A FORMER MEMBER OF GREGGTON FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH WHERE HE ENJOYED THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

OF HIS FRIEND GRADY L.COATES. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF

MR. COATES, ALL OF HIS CLASS EVENTUALLY BECAME DEACONS. HE BECAME A DEACON UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF HIS PASTOR AND FRIEND JAMES DIXON. WHILE THERE HE

SERVED AS SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, CHAIRMAN OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS, AND TEACHER FOR BOTH ADULTS AND JUNIOR HIGH BOYS. DR. RICK WEBB WAS ONE OF THOSE

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS.

HE IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF OAKLAND HEIGHTS BAPTIST

CHURCH WHERE HE HAS SERVED AS DEACON, SUNDAY SCHOOL

TEACHER OF MEN'S CLASSES, AND CHAIRMAN OF BUILDINGS

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HE AND MADELYN FEEL BLESSED TO HAVE TWO CHURCH

FAMILIES AND TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP OF BOTH CHURCHES.

OSCAR RETIRED AFTER 45 YEARS WITH THE MOTOR TRANSPORT

DEPARTMENT OF UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD. HE STARTED AS

PART TIME AT THE AGE OF 16 WITH TEXAS & PACIFIC RAILROAD, WHICH LATER SOLD TO MISSOURI PACIFIC AND FINALLY SOLD TO UNION PACIFIC. HE ALSO SERVED AS A BOARD MEMBER AND

THEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF THE TEXAS & PACIFIC

FEDERAL CREDIT UNION FOR MANY YEARS AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING TO ACQUIRE THE LAND FOR THE NEW OFFICE BUILDING ON EASTMAN ROAD.

SURVIVORS INCLUDE HIS WIFE OF 56 YEARS, MADELYN YOUNG

LEATH, DAUGHTER KAREN ANNE LEATH SEWELL, AND HUSBAND GENE A. SEWELL, AND GRANDSON SAMUEL ALAN SEWELL OF RICHARDSON, GRANDDAUGHTER CHELSEA KATHERINE LEATH BREWER, HUSBAND CORPORAL

WILLIAM BRYANT BREWER, AND GREAT-GRANDSON BRANNON

BENJAMIN. CORPORAL BREWER IS CURRENTLY IN IRAQ. HIS BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW, ROBERT AND MARY JO LEATH OF LONGVIEW, HIS SISTER-IN-LAW AND BROTHER-IN-LAW EVELYN AND JOHNNIE HENDERSON OF FORNEY, HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW AND SISTER-IN-LAW JOE AND PATTY YOUNG OF MOUNT VERNON, AND A NUMBER OF NEPHEWS AND NIECES AND THEIR CHILDREN.

HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS SON DAVID ALAN LEATH IN

2006, HIS PARENTS, PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS HAYWOOD AND



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GEORGIA CHRISTIAN LEATH, MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS SAMUEL AND DAISY MAE GIBSON ADAMS OF RUSK COUNTY.

FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2007, 3:30 P.M.,

AT OAKLAND HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH WITH REV. JOHNNIE

HENDERSON-NEPHEW, DR. RICK WEBB, AND PASTOR TOM ROBERSON OFFICIATING UNDER DIRECTION OF RADER FUNERAL HOME. BURIAL WILL FOLLOW IN ROSEWOOD PARK.

HONARARY GUESTS WILL BE DEACONS AND THEIR WIVES FROM BOTH GREGGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AND OAKLAND HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH. PALLBEARERS WILL BE HIS NEPHEWS, DR. MIKE LEATH, RICK LEATH, REV. JOHNNIE HENDERSON, JR., DAYNE YOUNG, BOB MORRIS, AND BRUCE HUFFMAN.

IN LIEW OF FLOWERS, THE FAMILY SUGGESTS DONATIONS

TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, HIGHWAY 80 RESCUE

MISSION, OR THE CHARITY OF CHOICE.



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Anonymous posted:

Mr. Leath was a wonderful man and a sweet spirit. He will be sorely missed. May God be with you in this terrible time. I love you both and you are wonderful people. God Bless you and keep you. If there is anything I can do please let me know. Jackie##imported-begin##Jackie pittman##imported-end##

June 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sincerely, Jesse##imported-begin##J.R. Jesse Woods##imported-end##

June 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mother and I were deeply saddened by seeing Mr. Leath's obituary in the paper. We hate that we will not be able to attend the services, but just remember your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We rejoice, however, in knowing he is now in the presence of our Holy Father. The Bellotte Family: Ruby, Gary, Ricky, Darla, and Kelli##imported-begin##Darla Bellotte Rutland##imported-end##

June 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry to hear of Oscar's passing##imported-begin##James David Ray##imported-end##

June 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Oscar will be missed by so many.##imported-begin##Dr. Barbara Hunter##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Madelyn, and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Oscar was a loving family man and never met a stranger. Love, Max & Gay Beck##imported-begin##Max & Gay Beck##imported-end##

June 14 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Oscar by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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