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**S**ervices for Ronald D. Terry will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at Rader Funeral Home Chapel in Longview.

Mr. Terry was born the son of Dwight and Cleo Terry on March 13, 1935, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was blessed to be raised with two loving sisters, Patricia Terry Prater and Paula Jane Smoke. Ron shared a modest home with his parents and beloved aunts, who preceded him in death; Etha, Edie and Lois Terry.

Ron was a proud 1953 graduate of Webster High School in Tulsa, and he has attended annual class reunions for many years, maintaining lifelong friendships. He just celebrated his 58th reunion two weeks ago. After his graduation, Ron enrolled in the University of Oklahoma and attended school for one year before volunteering for the U.S. Army. He served in Germany in the 510th Tank Battalion from 1954 to 1956. He returned to the University of Oklahoma in 1956. On June 13, 1958, a momentous day in Ron's life, he married the love of his life, Lelia Von Anderson, at the Sharon Baptist Church in Shawnee, Oklahoma. They shared 53 wonderful years together. Ron was a lifelong Oklahoma Sooner fan and graduated from the Price School of Business at the University of Oklahoma, with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1960. At OU, he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

A natural-born salesperson, Ron made his career in the steel industry, making friends and customers all over the United States. He worked for Friedman Industries in Fort Worth for 23 years, then transferred to Longview in 1972. Ron retired from sales in the mid '80s and became a full-time rancher, spending many happy years raising cattle and working on the farm with Lelia.

Preceding Ron in death were his grandparents, his parents and one sister, Paula Jane Smoke.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Lelia Terry; son, Ronald D. Terry Jr. and wife, April, and their children, Zachary, Soren and Haley of Houston, Texas; daughter,



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Patricia Von Clark, husband Lavon and son, Alex; son, Lindsay B. Terry and wife, Cindy, children Zac and Brooke, all of Longview.

Ron is also survived by his mother-in-law, Vera Anderson of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and sister, Patricia Prater of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Also surviving are a host of nieces and nephews and very special friends, including B.W. Dykes, Tom Wakely of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Charlie and Nancy Parker of Gilmer, Texas.

Ron will always be remembered for his razor-sharp wit, his ability to make friends instantly and to find humor in almost every situation. He will be greatly missed and always loved.

Memorials may be made to the Longview Cancer Center or the Gregg County Humane Society.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. today, May 31, 2011, at the funeral home.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Lelia,I'm so sorry I missed seeing that Ron passed away. We have been to the funerals of two of my in-laws in the past three weeks and I just missed it. We all knew it was coming but it was still a shock. Ron was such a nice guy. He only had one serious lapse of judgment and that was going to OU instead of OSU, but hey, we'll give him one.Lelia, if there is anything I can do for you, please call on me.##imported-begin##Glenn & Joy Richardson##imported-end##

June 8 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was unable to attend the class reunion because of health reasons and am really sorry I missed seeing Ron. As chairman of the reunion committee for many years I could always count on Ron for support.He always managed to slip an extra dollar or two in the envelope and would remind me "if you need more let me know". He loved us all as we did him. Rest in peace my Friend.##imported-begin##Virginia Apker##imported-end##

June 1 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To All of Ron's Family, We, all of his old classmates, share your grief at losing our dear friend. Ron and I and many others went through school from Pre-Primary all the way through graduation from Daniel Webster High School in 1953. It was so good to see him at our last reunion just a few weeks ago. We all knew what a struggle it was for him to make the trip. And we will never forget his love of life and his love for his family, friends, and his animals. To see him so enjoying our reunion did all of us as much good as it did him. Thank you to each of you for making that possible for all of us. We will never forget him, nor you for keeping us informed. Much love to all of you.Sandy Frear Copeland##imported-begin##Sandy Frear Copeland##imported-end##

May 31 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To Mr. Terry's family-You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Mr. Terry was such a sweet person. I knew him through Dr. Larry Smith's office. We now have a angel looking down on us. May God Bless you at this time of loss.April Bateman##imported-begin##April Bateman##imported-end##

May 31 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Lelia, it was an honor and a pleasure for me to work with and know Ron. Jane Ann and I are praying for your family and are comforted by the fact that God loved Ron as He loves all who are gentle and kind.##imported-begin##George and Jane Ann Arnau##imported-end##

May 31 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ron has always held a special place in my memories since we went all through school together from Porter to Webster, plus all the hours we spent playing after school and summers. We won't mention things we probably shouldn't have done. My sympathy to his entire family. Wish I could have seen him before he went home to God.##imported-begin##Tommy Harris##imported-end##

May 31 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our deepest sympathies are with you Aunt Lelia and your family during this time. So sorry to hear of the loss of Uncle Ron.##imported-begin##Christy & Katie##imported-end##

May 31 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We would like to express our deepest sympathies, to the entire Terry family. We thought highly of Ron. All are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Aice Davis And Family##imported-end##

May 31 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

David and I want to express our sincerest sympathies to Leila, Ronnie and the entire Terry family. All of you will be in our prayers for comfort and strength.##imported-begin##Delores & David Morris##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Lindsay, Joyce and I are very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Joyce & C M Howell##imported-end##

May 31 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I HAD THE PLEASURE OF DOING BUSINESS WITH RON FOR SEVERAL YEARS, BOTH WHEN HE WORKED AT FRIEDMAN AND WHEN HE WORKED OUT OF HOUSTON. RON WAS ONE OF THOSE GUYS THAT YOU ALWAYS ENJOYED CALLING, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN OUT OF TOUCH FOR A FEW YEARS I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF HIM AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY.##imported-begin##HAROLD LEHMAN-LEHMANS PIPE AND STEEL##imported-end##

May 31 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Lindsay and Cindy: So sorry to read about your dad. Just wanted you to know that we are thinking about you. You're in our prayers. Pam and Willie Surles##imported-begin##Pam Surles##imported-end##

May 31 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ron was a special member of our class and always a delight to see and talk to. He will be missed at our annual luncheons. Our prayers are with his family as they cope with the days ahead without him.##imported-begin##Nancy Arthurs Wood##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

I first met Ron at Clinton Jr. High in the seventh grade. We were in the same homeroom class, the 7-2's and the following year in th 8-15's.I spent many Saturdays in Ron's backyard shooting baskets. We were on the same team at school. I loved to play but he was really good.Ron was one of the people that I always looked for at class reunions because he was just one of those very special people.I think that we all felt the same way about Ron and feel a deep sense of loss at his passing.I was unable to attend the last reunion and I grieve the loss of Ron and of my last chance to meet you, his family who came with him.I know that you have a special family from the things that you have written and I pray that God's healing love will cover your hearts right now.##imported-begin##John Looper##imported-end##

May 30 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Lelia, we extend our most sincere condolences to you and your family. We remember Ron fondly and are fortunate to have made memories together. If a person loved life and lived it to the fullest, it was Ron Terry.##imported-begin##Phyllis & Ted Helms##imported-end##

May 30 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Lindsay, I am truly sorry for your family's loss. Please know our prayers and thoughts are with you all.Sincerely,Stuart and Annita Estes##imported-begin##Stuart Estes##imported-end##

May 30 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

WAS GOOD TO SHARE SOME TIME TOGETHER AT OUR REUNION, JP MOYER CLASSMATE 1953##imported-begin##JOHN MOYER##imported-end##

May 30 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Lindsay and Cindy,We are very sorry for your loss. Please know we are thinking of you all in the days to come.Elaine and Eric##imported-begin##Elaine Reynolds##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

We are glad we got to share a few hours at our last class reunion. We will miss Ron and his love to talk and his wit. We hope someone is taking care of his animals. Our thoughts go out to the family.##imported-begin##Darlene Duff Carpenter##imported-end##

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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