



Dr. H.R. "Doc" Willard DVM

March 16, 1914 - October 21, 2009

Funeral services for Dr. H.R. "Doc" Willard, 95 of Giddings, are scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church in Giddings with Rev. Dr. Tim Edwards officiating. Burial will follow in Giddings Memorial Park in Giddings. Visitation will be held Friday from 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. Dr. Willard passed away Wednesday evening at his home in Giddings. Horace Randolph Willard was born March 16, 1914 in Giddings, Texas, the youngest son of Blanche Crawford Willard and Shelley Stephen Willard. He lived in Giddings all his childhood and until 1933 when he entered Texas A & M College. He graduated from A & M with a degree in Veterinary Medicine in 1937. He married Mildred Hallmark in Fort Worth on April 9, 1938. They lived in Fort Worth, San Antonio, El Paso and New Orleans before moving back to Giddings in August of 1947 where he practiced veterinary medicine until 1959. He was the first licensed Veterinarian in Lee County. Dr. Willard served with the U.S. Army from 1937 to 1947 with an honorable discharge. He served with the C.C.C. from September 1937 until June 1940, was Regimental Veterinarian of the 7th Cavalry with the Army during World War II and overseas in the South Pacific-Phillippines and Japan. He was discharged in 1947 with the rank of Major. He was with the Federal Government in poultry and beef inspection work for more than 16 years. He retired from service with the U.S.D.A. in August 1974. Since that time, he has been busy with his cattle at his ranch in Lee County. He was a member of the

Methodist Church in Giddings, a life member of the J.D. Giddings Lodge AF & AM #280, District Deputy in 1964, Worshipful Master, Scottish Rite Bodies and Ben Hur Shrine of Austin, a member and Past President of Tri-Counties Shrine, American Veterinary Medical Association, served as President of Bexar County Veterinary Medical Association in 1939. He was also a member of the Texas A & M Association of Former Students and the 12th Man Foundation. He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the U.S. Cavalry Association. Dr. Willard served for 16 years on the school board of the Giddings ISD and as President of that board for 10 years. He was an Honorary Member of FFA and a former Director of the Lee County Wildlife Association. He had been a member of the Board of Lee Memorial Hospital and the Education Service Center Region XIII of Austin for 18 years and a chairman of the Education Service Center for 8 years. Survivors include his wife, Mildred H. Willard of Giddings; two daughters, Rebekah Willard Barrett and her husband, Robert Barrett of Huntsville, AL and Stephanie Willard Lyon and her husband, Jerry Lyon of Temple, TX; four grandsons, Stephen Barrett and his wife, Tabitha of Phoenix City, AL, Shannon Barrett and his wife, Jennifer of Marietta, GA, Justin Lyon and his wife, Melissa of El Campo and Mason Lyon of Denton; great-grandchildren, Kirsten Ellis-Lyon of College Station, Katie Barrett, Maggie Barrett and Abby Barrett of Marietta, GA, Sam Barrett and Anna Grace Barrett of Phoenix City, AL, and Bailey and Emma Lyon of El Campo as well as numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Giddings, the Lee County Historical Society, the Giddings Public Library & Cultural Center or the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. H.R. "Doc" Willard DVM*

Linda Kieschnick - November 02, 2009 at 01:13 PM



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