

Bill DeBerry Funeral Directors

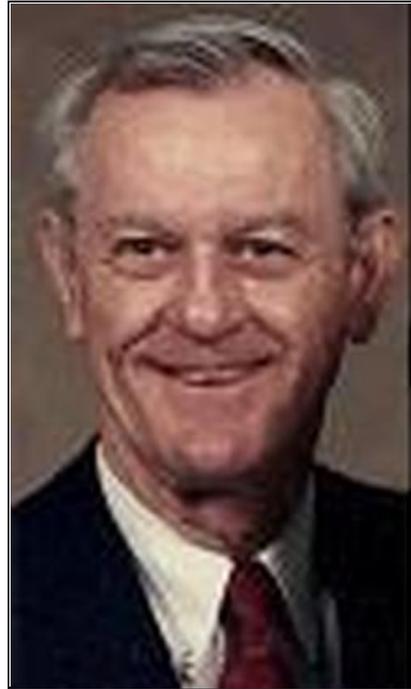
Everett Wayne Autrey

(March 03, 1927 - August 02, 2014)

Everett Wayne Autrey, our loving husband, dad, and Papa, went to be with our Lord on Saturday, August 2, 2014.

Wayne was born to Jery Myre Autrey and Dovie Pearl Brown Autrey on March 3, 1927 in Waco, Texas.

Growing up with 4 brothers and 4 sisters during the depression and WWII had a lasting impact on him, creating strong character, integrity, and faith that was unwavering throughout his life. In 1945, Wayne joined his brothers in serving his country by enlisting in the U.S. Navy. On July 4th he and 13 of his closest friends, known as the "fighting fourteen," left for boot camp in San Diego, California, then shipped out to the South Pacific. The Autrey family had 4 boys in the Navy at the same time and by the grace of God, all four returned home.



Wayne's education includes Waco High School and Navarro Junior College, where he played football for two years. He held a Bachelor degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Texas in Arlington.

In 1951, Wayne started his career in law enforcement with the Texas Highway Patrol. His career lasted 41 years, including positions as Police Chief of Weatherford, TX for 2 years, Police Chief of Denton, TX for 13 years and Police Chief of Texas Woman's University for 13 years.

While working for the Texas Highway Patrol in Belton, Texas, he met and married the love of his life, Sallie Jo Whitson Autrey on October 22, 1955. They would celebrate their 59th anniversary this fall. They have 3 daughters, Kathy Davis and husband Mike, of Denison, Becky Quandahl and husband Jerry, of Corinth, and Laura McFerren of Corinth. Grandchildren are Rachel and Colby Moree, Megan and Clay Jolly, Kirsten and Ken Kula, Matthew Davis, Garrett McFerren, Jacob Quandahl, Jordan Quandahl, and 4 great grandchildren. Wayne loved working in his yard, making it beautiful for his family and friends to enjoy. He also enjoyed traveling with his family to Lake City, CO, where he caught lots of rainbow trout and drove jeeps over the lightly traveled mountain passes.

Over the years, Wayne was involved in Lion's Club, Optimist Club,

was a deacon at First Baptist Church Denton, was a lifetime Mason, and president of the North Texas Police Chief's Association.

Wayne is preceded in death by his parents and siblings and his precious granddaughter, Bethany Lauren Davis.

One of the last statements Wayne made was “ the only things of importance on this earth are God and family, nothing else matters.” This was evident to all who knew him, especially his family, whom he loved sacrificially.

Memorials may be made to the Cal Farley Boys Ranch in Amarillo, TX, which Wayne Autrey has supported since 1951. Mr. Farley's motto was “it takes a boy to make a man.”

The family will be at DeBerry Funeral Directors for a visitation from 6-8 pm on Monday, August 4, 2014. the Funeral Service will be held at the First Baptist Church in Denton on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 3:00 pm Rev. Jeff Loudin and Cliff Feeler will officiate. Burial will take place at Roselawn Memorial Park.