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Services Set Today For Oilman R. E. Lee

Last rites for Ronald E. Lee, 54, of 1 Briarwood Court in River Oaks will be conducted at 4 p.m. today in St. Luke's Methodist Church.

Lee, copartner with two brothers in operation of the independent oil producing firm of Lee Bros. and son of a founder of Yount-Lee Oil Co. at Spindletop, died Thursday after a heart attack at his ranch near Reagan Wells in Uvalde County.

The funeral service will be conducted by the pastor, Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, assisted by Dr. Durwood Fleming, president of Southwestern University of Georgetown.

Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery under direction of George H. Lewis & Son.

Lee, with his brothers Donald A., a twin, and W. Howard, had interests apart from their oil business in industry, banking and hotels. The partnership owned Town Houses in Houston, New Orleans, Lafayette, La., and Farmington, N.M.

Ronald Lee was born in Sour Lake, Hardin County, on Aug. 17, 1914, the son of W. E. and Mary Margaret (McGuigan) Lee. He attended the University of Texas and Rice Institute and joined the Navy in World War II. He was discharged in 1945 and returned to Houston and the oil business.

He was board chairman of Quality Electric Steel Casting Co., president of American Southwest Corp., and director of Spring Branch Bank.

He held membership in Houston County Club, River Oaks Country Club, Petroleum Club, Houston Club and Lakewood Yacht Club.

Besides his brothers, survivors are his widow, the former Katherine Pillot of Houston; a son, Ronald Jr., a student in Whorton School of Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania; a daughter, Mrs. Henry Barnes of Austin, and two sisters, Mrs. Glen McCarty of Houston and Mrs. Hub E. Isaacks of Fort Worth.

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