

October 21, 2007

Phillips

Funeral services for Dr. Frederick Leslie Phillips, 92, were held Saturday, October 13, 2007, in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Don Willis officiating. Burial followed in Forest Hill Cemetery, with military honors provided by VFW Post 8568. He was born August 3, 1915 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Charles and Bertha Schramm Phillips.

Dr. Phillips graduated from medical school at the University of Illinois in 1942 and then spent four years serving in the U.S. Medical Corps with the rank of Major.

He took his residency at Children's Memorial Hospital and was a staff member at that hospital, as well as St. Luke's Hospital and Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago.

He entered private practice in Chicago and then moved to Houston, where he was in private practice and also served as president of staff of Texas Children's Hospital and Memorial Southeast Hospital.

He also served as an associate professor at Baylor College of Medicine.

He retired from practice in 1981 and moved to Livingston. The following year he became associated with the Texas Department of Health until 1995 when he continued his career at UTMB/Livingston as the only pediatrician in Polk County at that time.

In addition to volunteering his services to indigent children in area clinics, Dr. Phillips spent hundreds of hours volunteering for VFW Post 8568, hosting the post's annual Christmas party for needy children and serving as Santa Claus for the event.

Through his involvement with the VFW, he was able to acquire resources for indigent children needing medications and/or assistance with transportation and emergency financial assistance.

Dr. Phillips also provided community education and chaired the scholarship committee, which he began.

He was named state surgeon for the VFW Department of Texas from 1983-87 and in 1990 received the Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

He served on the Polk County Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, devoted many years of service to the Polk County Chapter of the American Red Cross, serving as board president, and was an active member of the American Red Cross, Triad, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the First United Methodist Church.

In 1999, Dr. Phillips was named Polk Countian of the Year in recognition of his service to his community.

Mr. Phillips passed away on Tuesday, October 9. His parents and daughter, Judith Lee Phillips, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Phillips of Houston; daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Bob Burgess of Allen, Linda Pickron of Humble and Bobbie and Dave Seiford of Houston; grandchildren, Jeff Pickron, Keith Pickron, Theresa and Daniel Dollinger, Cody Burgess, Philip and Amy Seiford and Kevin Seiford; and four great-grandchildren. Cochran Funeral Services, Livingston, was in charge of arrangements.