



DR. MARVIN E. RUSSELL

Dr. Marvin E. Russell, age 82, of Lovelady, passed away Thursday, April 13, 2006 at his residence. Dr. Russell was born July 17, 1923 to Nan and Marvin L. "Bud" Russell in Hearne where his father was a telegrapher and stationmaster for Missouri Pacific Railroad. At age 5, the family moved from Gause where Marvin became critically ill and lost lots of weight. When they moved to Lovelady in 1929, everyone called him "Skinny." In Lovelady, Marvin's mom, Nan Russell, became the first grade teacher and taught for 35 years. During this time, at age 12, Marvin joined the Lovelady First United Methodist Church. Dr. Russell finished high school in Lovelady in 1940 where he played football and was in the FFA club. Dr. Russell played trumpet in the first band at Lovelady High School. In 1940 he entered Sam Houston State Teachers College and finished in 1943 with a B. S. in chemistry. The highlight of his years at Sam Houston was being president of the Pre-med Club and meeting a young lady named Gene Porter who was elected secretary of the club. This relationship was to bloom and eventually blossom into marriage. In 1942 after Pearl Harbor, Marvin volunteered for the navy and was called to active duty before graduation ceremonies in 1943. After

various duty stations he ended up on Guam as an aerial photographer. From there he volunteered to go to Japan on the Strategic Bombing Survey making pictures of bombing damage. Mr. Russell was discharged in 1945 at the end of WWII. Gene Porter and Marvin were married in Sep-

tember 1, 1946 when Marvin was teaching Chemistry Labs at SHSTC. Dr. Russell later worked at Firestone Tire and Rubber in Beaumont as a chemist while he was waiting to get into UT Dental School in Houston. Dr. Russell graduated from Dental School in 1951 and set up practice in Angleton where he was active in the Chamber of Commerce and Jr. Chamber of Commerce, a school board member, the PTA, the Boy and Girl Scouts, Little Theatre, and the Methodist Church.

Dr. Russell relaxed by sailing, and playing a lot of golf. Dr. Russell was a member of the American Dental Association, a delegate to the Texas Dental Society House of Representatives from the 9th District Dental Society for 7 years, a Fellow in the Academy of General Dentists, American and International Academy of Dentists.

Dr. Russell retired in 1989 after 38 years of dental practice and moved to Lovelady in 1992 in the house in which he grew up. Dr. Russell was a member of the City Council, the Lovelady Methodist Church, Lovelady Masonic Lodge #539, and became active in the restoration of the "Old Gym" in Bruton Park. Dr. Russell and Gene raised pine trees instead of cows on their sixty acres. Dr. Russell's motto was as Ruskin said, "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth."

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Survivors include his wife Gene Russell, of Lovelady; daughter Nancy Lynette "Lyn" Storey and husband Mark of Avery; son Marvin Ray "Ray" Russell, of Angleton; grandchildren James Storey, Thomas Storey, Sarah Storey, all of Avery; cousins Rod Russell, of Salado, Ros Starkweather and husband Oil of Phoenix, Ariz., Della Hudson and husband Clifton, of Palestine, Mary Bess Thomason and husband David, of Jacksonville; and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services for Dr. Marvin E. Russell were held Saturday, April 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Lovelady with the Rev. John Montgomery and the Rev. Doug Howell officiating.

Graveside services will be conducted by the Sons of the Confederate Veterans Camp 1565, 13th Texas Infantry, of Angleton where Dr. Russell attained the rank of Major and served as Regimental Surgeon, in the Lovelady Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lovelady First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 87, Lovelady, TX. 75851, Lovelady "Old Gym", 271 Noble Street, Lovelady, TX. 75851, or Marvin Russell Scholarship Fund C/O Nelda

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