

New Energy

L.E. SHEPPARD, JR.

Mr. L.E. Sheppard, Jr. age 65, of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, December 26, 2001 in the East Texas Medical Center-Tyler. L.E. was born February 28, 1936 in Beaumont and had been living in Crockett, previously living in Corpus Christi. A professing Bible Believing Christian, he was a member of the Latexo Baptist Church in Latexo. Mr. Sheppard was a member of the Republican Party since 1958, where he fought for a two party system in Texas. L.E. attended his last two years of high school in Crockett High School, graduating in 1953 as Valedictorian. Mr. Sheppard attended Texas A&M where he was an active member of the Baptist Student Ministries. Mr. Sheppard was a member of the Corp. Staff, Alpha Zeta, Tau Beta Pi, Phi Eta Sigma, ASAE, Ross Volunteers, SCONA I and II, and Student Publications Board. Mr. Sheppard received his BS in Agricultural Engineering in 1957. Mr. Sheppard received his Masters in Business Administration from Corpus Christi State University in Corpus Christi. L.E. was a member of the Lothrop Lodge 21 and Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Mr. Sheppard retired from Central Power and Light Company in Corpus Christi in 1994.

L.E. married Wanda Lee Deaton in Vine Grove, Kentucky on July 5, 1958. He loved teaching Sunday School. He touched many lives, from ages 1-3 in extended church all the way through to the Senior Adults. L.E. was a retired Colonel in the Army National Guard of ~~Texas~~. Mr. Sheppard attended the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, graduating in 1973 with Honors. Mr. Sheppard was a very devoted Christian, Husband, Father, and Friend.

Survivors include wife of 43 years, Wanda Lee Sheppard of Crockett; daughters, Joanna Leigh Heflin and husband, Michael of Pittsford, New York; Kay Ricco and husband, Ralph of Waynesville, North Carolina; grandchildren, Jessica Heflin of Pittsford, New York; James Heflin of Pittsford, New York; very special cousin, Ann Hataway and husband, Leon of Crockett; sisters and brothers-in-law, Freda Kinser of Tennessee; Bernice and Andrew Wallace of Arizona; Charles and Rosemary Deaton of Kentucky; Donald and Cathie Sterling Deaton of Maryland; Wesley Dowell of Florida; very special friends, Jonathan and Victoria Wilks of Dallas; Bruce and Emma Miller of Portland; Guy and Betty Hill of Houston; Slater and Joann Loughlin and family of McKinney; many loving cousins and friends.

Preceded in death by father, Leighlus Erman Sheppard, Sr., biological mother, Florence Lumbley Sheppard, and adoptive mother, Jessie Ellis Miller Sheppard.

Funeral services for Mr. L.E. Sheppard, Jr. were held Saturday, December 29, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in the Latexo Baptist Church with the Rev. Jeff Loudin, the Rev. Joe Loughlin, the Rev. Mike Due and the Rev. Leon Hataway officiating. Interment followed in the New Energy Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contribution may be made to the Texas A&M Baptist Student Ministry, 203 College Main, College Station, Texas 77840. And Rekindle Ministries, 220 Whitehall Road, Waco, Texas

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