

Slocomb

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 28, 2007 at the First United Methodist Church, Boerne, Texas for Richard Samuel "Dick" Slocomb, of Fair Oaks Ranch. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 29, 2007 at City Cemetery, Taylor, Texas. He was born August 23, 1923 in Milam County and passed away peacefully at home on December 25, 2007.

Dick was born to Don B. and Edna Maud Slocomb and grew up in Cameron, Texas. After graduating from C.H. Yoe High School, where he served as President of the 1942 graduating class, Dick enrolled at The University of Texas. It was there that he met Jane Thompson and they were married on June 26, 1948.

After he and Jane married, he graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. Dick went on to a very successful career opening Slocomb Insurance Agency in Galena Park, Texas in 1948, a venture that continues in operations today. In 1968, Dick organized and was Chairman of the Board of Universal Savings and Loan and served in that capacity until the institution was sold in 1981. Dick was the founding Chairman of the Board of Trustees of San Jacinto College in Harris County and served that institution from its beginning in 1960. The Richard S. Slocomb Fine Arts Building on the Central Campus of San Jacinto College is named in his honor. He served the college until 1971 where Governor Preston Smith to a seven-year term on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board appointed him. Upon completion of his term, the Board passed a resolution that succinctly summed up what anyone who had dealings with Dick knew. It said, "His clear head, practical approach to problems, unquestioned integrity and unfailing good humor have earned him not only the respect, but the affection of the members of the board." Dick was instrumental in organizing the first Barbecue Cook-offs at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. He was the Grand Champion Chili Chef at the 1972 Texas Chitmpiad and went on that year to place 3rd at the World Championship Cook-Off in Terlingua.

Throughout his career, Dick gave back to his community through his involvement in many organizations.

His wife, Jane, preceded him in death in 1987.

In 1990 he married Marsha Beckett, who survives him.

Other survivors include daughter, Lucy Slocomb Thompson and husband, John; son, John Slocomb and wife, Constance, all of Livingston; stepson, Casey Dobson and wife, Diana, of Austin; stepdaughters, Michelle Brant and husband, Marty, of Fair Oaks Ranch and Shannon McCracken of Bandera; grandchildren, Beth Wolf and husband, Lane, of Missouri City, Rick Thompson of Austin, John Allen Slocomb of Boerne and Rachel Slocomb of Kingwood and two great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

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