

Mecaskey, Jimmy Robert | 1938-2011

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Graveside service for Jimmy Robert Mecaskey, 73, of Granbury was June 21 at Oaklawn Cemetery in Decatur. A celebration of his life immediately followed the graveside service at Remarkable Healthcare in Fort Worth. Mecaskey died Friday, June 17, 2011, in Fort Worth.

Born Feb. 24, 1938, in Decatur to Finis C. and Ina Mae Mecaskey, he grew up on a dairy farm before moving to Fort Worth and graduating from Polytechnic High School in 1956. He attended the University of Texas at Arlington after high school, then served his country in the U.S. Coast Guard. He married Lavonda Poole in 1958, and they were married 33 years until her death in 1991.

Mecaskey retired from Santa Fe Railroad in 1995 after more than 30 years as a locomotive engineer and air brake systems supervisor. With Santa Fe, he moved from Texas to Topeka, Kan., in 1975 and lived in Topeka for 20 years. He was also a 32nd-degree Master Mason.

Mecaskey married Nancy Kinser in 1993. They traveled together. He was a golfer, photographer, reader and cook of biscuits and gravy.

He was preceded in death by his first wife.

Mecaskey is survived by his second wife; son Scott Mecaskey of Topeka, Kan.; brothers Charles Mecaskey of Bedford and Jerry Mecaskey of Whitewright; stepchildren Annette Tate and husband, Joe, Paul Stumbo and wife, LouAnn, all of Fort Worth, and Laurie Beth McPike and husband, Jon, of Southlake; and 15 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in his honor to Remarkable Healthcare, 6649 N. Riverside Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76137.