

Yale, Terry Arthur | 1936-2011

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Memorial service for Terry Arthur Yale, 74, of Weslaco was June 9 at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Alvord with a private burial at Jonestown Cemetery in Alvord. A second memorial service will be held in Weslaco at a later date. Yale died Monday, June 6, 2011.

Born Nov. 8, 1936, in Decatur to Bennie “Buss” Yale and Laura Lucille Durrett Yale, he was raised in Alvord and graduated at the top of his class.

Yale was a first-born child and worked to support his family, tending to animals before school and working at the local feed store after school. He won various livestock in countywide 4-H competitions.

Yale served with the First Army Division in the Italian Alps, where he worked with nuclear missiles aimed at Russian targets during the Cold War.

After his military service, he worked as a general manager for the customer service division of TRW Inc., a national computer system service contract company. He was named manager of the year several times during his 26-year career.

Yale’s job took him to Kansas City, Rochester, N.Y., Cleveland and north New Jersey before a final transfer back to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. In Rochester, he met Gail, and they married Jan. 13, 1963.

In 1990, they moved to the lower Rio Grande Valley as permanent snowbirds. He golfed, fished, played bridge and surfed the Internet.

Yale is survived by his wife; daughter Kim Girus and husband, Steve, of Austin; son Ed Yale and wife, Camille, of San Angelo; grandchildren Peter, Kathryn, Charlotte, Marshall, Rob and Vivian; sisters Sherry Brown of Fort Collins, Colo., and Suzanne Smith and husband, Rod, of Temple; and nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Jonestown Cemetery or Mount Zion Baptist Church.