

# Cocanougher, Allen Howell | 1928-2017

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Allen Howell Cocanougher

Allen Howell Cocanougher, 89, of Decatur, died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, in Decatur.

Funeral was Nov. 13 at the First United Methodist Church of Decatur with the Rev. Brian Bosworth officiating. Burial followed at Oaklawn Cemetery. Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur handled arrangements.

Allen was born Oct. 20, 1928, five miles north of Decatur on the family farm to Glenn Howell and Gertrude (Mecaskey) Cocanougher. Allen graduated from Decatur High School in 1945. He attended Decatur Baptist College and Texas A&M University.

Allen enlisted and served in the Special Veterinarian Corp of the U.S. Air Force at Kimpo Air Force Base, Korea during the Korean War.

Upon his return to civilian life, he married Sue Jean Roberts, who preceded him in death in 2011. They had been married for more than 50 years.

After returning from his service in the Air Force, he began his career with Cocanougher Feed Co., which he helped expand until being sold in 1994. At that time Allen and his sons co-founded Funimation Productions. Funimation imported, distributed and managed the television cartoon "Dragon Ball Z" and other children's programs.

In 2005, he was instrumental in the family acquisition of several ranches in the Delaware Basin of West Texas. In recent years, he and his grandson, Bobby, invented and filed for a patent design, which is a modification of the internal combustion engine.

Allen was a lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church of Decatur and was a long-standing local benefactor. He served on the board of the Wise Area Relief Mission, and he and Sue Jean provided financial support for many area youth to attend college to further their education. He was a substantial supporter for the Decatur Community Hospital, which included the purchase of several dialysis machines. Allen was also helpful in acquiring the old TXU electric building, which was refurbished into the Wesley Center for the youth and family of the First United Methodist Church of Decatur. He would strive to find a way to help anyone who came to him for assistance.

Allen was a 50-year member and a Master Mason at Decatur Lodge No. 447 and was a member of the Scottish Rite. He was very active throughout his life, and at 80 years old, he won his division of the Fit-N-Wise triathlon.

Allen is survived by sons Robert Cocanougher and wife, Deanya, and Daniel Cocanougher and wife, Nola; grandchildren Jennifer Belle Cooper and husband, John, Robert Allen (Bobby) Cocanougher Jr., Danielle Marie Cocanougher and Ellen Jean Cocanougher; brother Bonnie Glenn Cocanougher, and wife, Regina; sisters Dorothy Lynn Reid and Marie Sue Murray; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to Wise Area Relief Mission, the First United Methodist Church of Decatur or the Decatur Public Library.