



## Henry "Hank" Boswell

June 13, 1929 - May 18, 2014

Henry O. (Hank) Boswell Jr. went to be with his Lord & Savior on May 18, 2014. He was 84 years old. Hank was born in Corsicana, Texas to Henry & Opal Boswell on June 13, 1929.

The funeral service will be at 2:00 PM on Thursday May 22, 2014 at Stewart Family Funeral Home with the Rev. Dale Perkins officiating. There will be a private graveside service following the 2:00 PM service under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

The Boswell family moved to Houston where Hank attended Aldine High School and later moved to Lubbock where he finished High School in 1946 and immediately joined the army. He attended Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning GA, and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. After serving a term in Alaska and receiving an honorable discharge from the Corp of Engineers, he returned to Houston where he attended the University of Houston.

Hank graduated with a B.S. degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1954. He started working in the oil field as a roustabout his senior year in college for the company that later became Amoco.

Hank was a devoted husband of 59 years and loved his family. Hank married his soul mate in all things, Jean, who was his partner especially in raising their

four wonderful children! (Hank the fierce, Laura the kindhearted, Diane the shining star, and Mary the thoughtful.)

In 1969 Hank attended the Advanced Management School at the University of Western Ontario, in London Ontario Canada.

After a number of promotions which took them to Houston, New Orleans, Beaumont, and Tulsa, they moved to Calgary in 1970 where they enjoyed five wonderful years. While in Calgary, Hank served as Vice President and later President of Amoco Canada. Returning to Chicago, Hank was given responsibilities in Amoco International and was later President of Amoco International. Amoco consolidated the International Company with the U.S. operation and Hank became President of Amoco Production Co., the worldwide exploration and production subsidiary of Amoco Cooperation. He was elected to the Board of Directors. He also served as the Chairman of the Board of Amoco Canada Petroleum, Ltd. After the children were grown, Jean traveled the world with Hank, visiting many of the countries where Amoco had operations. He served in these positions until he retired four years later in 1987 and moved to beautiful Emerald Bay, south of Tyler Texas.

He had the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors of ServiceMaster Industries, Rowan Companies Inc., Cabot Oil and Gas, and Cameron Ironworks, and also served on the Board of Trustees of the American Universities of Cairo in Cairo, Egypt.

Hank remained active on the board of Rowan Companies for 17 years, and on September 23, 2006, Rowan honored Hank with the christening of the "Hank Boswell" Tarzan Class Jack Up Drilling Rig. The rig still bears his name today.

He was a Director of National Ocean Industries Association and a member of the American Petroleum Institute and the Society of Petroleum Engineers. He

served as a member on the University of Texas College of Engineering Foundation Advisory Council. While living in the Chicago area, Hank served on the Board of the Central DuPage Hospital in Naperville, IL.

In 1987, he was honored to be the 12th person named “Mr. Spindletop” in recognition of an outstanding individual who has contributed greatly to both the petroleum industry and the community at large.

In 1988, he was honored by his Alma Mater by being selected as a Distinguished Engineering Alumni of the University of Houston.

Hank’s exciting and rewarding career in the “oil patch” was always secondary to his love of his wife Jean and their four children and ten grandchildren. They enjoyed spending Spring Break every year in Florida at Marco Island. In recent years in the summer they congregated at their cabin in the beautiful Big Horn Mountains in Wyoming. Hank and Jean had the privilege of visiting Scotland with friends in the fall for many years where he participated in bird shooting, touring the countryside and seeing the beautiful fall leaves.

They enjoyed entertaining their family and friends at their lake home on Lake Palestine near Tyler. In the 20 plus years after retirement, Hank enjoyed investing in the oil and gas business and the stock market. He was always ready to share his knowledge with family and friends to help them build their “nest egg”.

Love of God and service to his Kingdom was always the most important part of Hank’s life. Through Christian organizations including Slavic Gospel Association, Dallas Theological Seminary, Moody Bible Institute and Coaches Outreach, Windridge Equestrian Center, Perkins Partnership Ministries, African Inland Mission, and many others, he was able to help spread the

Good News of the Gospel around the world. Hank and Jean are members of Green Acres Baptist Church. Jean and three daughters are longtime members and leaders of Bible Study Fellowship. His son Hank III serves on the board of Perkins Partnership Ministries.

Mr. Boswell was preceded in death by his parents, and nephew John B. Boswell. Hank is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Jean. Also their son Hank III and his wife Lisa Garner Boswell, and their three daughters of Longview, Kate, Rachel and Jennifer and her husband, Ryan Harrington; daughter, Laura Schulze and husband Floyd and their 3 children Robert, Emily and her husband Robert Cooper, and Elizabeth; daughter, Diane McGowen and her husband Harold McGowen III, their children Maegan, and Harold IV and his wife Lauren; daughter, Mary Gail Smith and her husband David and sons William and Colin of Bullard; brother John H. Boswell and his wife Nancy of Houston, and their son Mark and his wife Katie and their two daughters.

There will be family visitation at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler, TX on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

The Boswell family can never say "Thank You" enough to the "Caring Angels" in the Continuing Care Unit of Trinity Mother Frances hospital. The family is forever indebted to our wonder team of physicians, notably Dr. Richard Anderson, Dr. David Gass, Dr. Steve Hickerson, Dr. Brock Lutz, Dr. Duane Andrews, and their respective staffs.

Pallbearers will be Hank Boswell III, Floyd Schulze, Harold McGowen III, David Smith, Robert Schulze, Harold McGowen IV and William Smith.

Honorary Pallbearers are John Boswell, John Mitchell, Marvin Beckman, Dr.

David Gass, Tim Travis, Dan Finley, Bob Palmer and Bob Provost

The Boswell family has requested that in lieu of flowers, gifts in Memoriam of Hank Boswell may be made to Windridge Therapeutic Equestrian Center of East Texas, Inc., P. O. Box 5932, Longview, TX 75608 <http://www.windridgetexas.org> or Perkins Partnership Ministries, 1125 Judson Rd, Suite 182, Longview, TX 75601 [www.ppmhasit.org](http://www.ppmhasit.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **21.** 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

MAY **22.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ When after arriving in Houston for a new assignment after more than twenty years all over the globe in the Oil Field E&P Service Company work I had the distinct pleasure of getting a call from a Mr Boswell, President Amoco International. This was in answer to my call to him of some time before. I was mazed and very impressed that this man I never met -and who certainly did not know me nor knew what I wanted- called me, himself . No secretary or assistant or deputy.... We had a pleasant and straightforward discussion which lead to a meeting and presentations of our services by people from our organization , from Paris, Houston etc attended by a very knowledgeable and very impressive group of Amoco people, in Chicago.

Not only was this a very rare opportunity to address such an elite - and "tough"- group, it was for me an open door for all Amoco E&P worldwide. We also learned more about Amoco that day than we could have imagined.

The fact that Hank included an excellent lunch , and further many subsequent communications and contacts, was pure icing on the cake. I regret never having met Hank Boswell again but this one telephone call and one personal encounter made me never forget him-and wishing often there were more Hank Boswells in the world.

*Sincerest condolences and very best and strong wishes to the Family.*

*Bill Prins  
Houston*

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**William(Bill)Prins** - June 01, 2014 at 09:15 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Henry "Hank" Boswell.*



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May 21, 2014 at 08:44 AM



“ *Hank Boswell was one of the greatest gentlemen I've ever had the pleasure of knowing and the benefit of working for.*

*Tom Rankin*

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**Tom Rankin** - May 20, 2014 at 09:19 PM



“ *Such an honor to know this great man and his lovely family. May God bless you all.*

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**Lisa Betts** - May 20, 2014 at 05:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henry "Hank" Boswell.*



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May 20, 2014 at 02:14 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Henry "Hank" Boswell.*



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May 20, 2014 at 10:41 AM