

Richard “Dick” K. Teichgraeber 1928 - 2006



Mr. Teichgraeber was born November 9, 1928 in Reece, Kansas the son of William E. and Mary Barbara (Heap) Teichgraeber. As a young adult he participated in football at Eureka High School He earned a football scholarship at the University of Oklahoma and competed in boxing while pursuing a degree in Petroleum Engineering. Mr. Teichgraeber was unable to finish his degree due to financial reasons but always maintained his Boomer Sooner Pride. After college between 1950 and 1956 he owned and operated restaurants in Severy, Madison, and Hamilton, Kansas This experience taught him a lot about hard work and customer satisfaction and the rewards of good cooking. In January 1949, Mr. Teichgraeber married Wanda Lee Leatheburry. On March 26, 1950, Mr. Teichgraeber was united in marriage to Helen Patricia Hughes

He began his oilfield career in 1955. He founded Long-Tye Oil Company and bought production in Woodson County. From 1956 to 1974, he partnered with Hank Martell and formed Eureka Drilling Company and worked as a contract driller. He also founded Teichgraeber Oil Company in 1956 and became involved in all phases of oil operations. International Petroleum Services was formed in

1969 and became a manufacturer of the Cardwell line of well servicing rigs and drilling rigs. Mr. Teichgraeber also owned a well servicing company, Rocket Well Service, as well as Kansas Pump & Supply, an oilfield pump and supply company.

Mr. Teichgraeber received numerous awards for exporting the Cardwell product line to all parts of the world. He seldom returned without an elaborate story of dealing with foreign dignitaries and newfound friends. Mr. Teichgraeber's principles were guided by Dale Carnegie and when it came to selling and negotiating he was unbeatable. He also excelled in ranching and horse racing. Most of Mr. Teichgraeber's passion for living was evident by his love for his family. He always had time to offer advice and support to his family and friends.

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