

OBITUARIES

Pat Falls

1915-2009

W. T. (Pat) Falls, a longtime Scurry County resident, died Friday, Jan. 23, in the Hendrick Hospice facility in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mr. Falls, 93, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in First United Methodist Church in Snyder with the Rev. Buddy Payne, minister, officiating. Interment will follow in



Falls

Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 4, 1915 in Ira, he earned a degree in industrial

arts and a master's degree from West Texas State University. He was married to Lee Hayes for over 50 years. She died on May 29, 1995. He later married Vera McSpadden on Jan. 13, 2005 in Tulia.

He was a coach, bus driver and superintendent for Ira public schools and served as the first principal of North Elementary and Stanfield Elementary in Snyder. He also served as assistant superintendent of Snyder ISD and retired in 1975 after 37 years as an educator.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and lifetime member of the Ira Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite Shrine and a lifelong Democrat.

Mr. Falls was a charter member of the Western Texas College Scholarship Board. He was a farmer and rancher and was awarded the USDA Outstanding Conservation Farmer Award.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Falls of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Thom and Ann Falls of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lady and Bo Brown of Lubbock, Dana and

Art Mattingly of Austin; a grandson, Tres and Vanessa Falls of Galveston; four granddaughters, Kelly and Tony Garcia of Austin, Susannah and Clay Mercer of Lubbock, Elizabeth and Dan Kirzeder of Knoxville, Tenn., and Catherine Mattingly of Austin; three great-grandchildren, Mathew Garcia, Neilan Garcia and Alexandra Brown; three step-children, Brad and Wery McSpadden of San Diego, Calif., Joy and Nelson Carthel, Odessa and Loy McSpadden of Amarillo; and a step-grandson, Harvey McSpadden of San Diego.

Visitation will be from 6 to 7 this evening at the funeral home.

Friends are contributing to the Lee and Pat Falls Scholarship Fund at Western Texas College.