

## EDWIN TAYLOR SHELL

Dr. Edwin T. "Eddy" Shell, 71, died, May 2, after a lengthy bout with cancer.

Shell was born April 6, 1937 in Lubbock, TX. The family moved to Arkansas and he later became the youngest Eagle Scout in the state. He graduated from Springdale High School.

After graduation from Louisiana Tech in 1960, he settled in Bossier City, Louisiana and started his teaching career. He earned a BA (Louisiana Tech), MA (Louisiana Tech), Ed.S. (Northwestern State College) and Ph.D (Pacific Western University).

He was a teacher and debate coach for 7 years at Bossier High School. He also persuaded a career in photography that lasted over 40 years. He later became one of the original seven teachers to open Bossier Parish Community College in 1967 and taught there for over 40 years for a combined total of 48 years in public education.

He was Educator of the Year in Bossier Parish in 1970 and 1995 and Mr. Bossier Parish in 1970. During his tenure as an educator, he was also a member Louisiana National Guard, and the Reserve Components of the USNR, USMCR and USAR for over 30 years. He was the founder and Director of the first Day Time Truancy Center in Louisiana. There are now 12 truancy centers scattered over the state.

Shell was a member of numerous civic organizations that includes the Red River USMCL, SARC (W5ZBC), Temple Lodge 448 AM&F. He was a member of the professional photography association for over 20 years. He served as President of PPLA in 1981-82. He served on the Bossier Parish Police Jury representing south Bossier for 10 years. He was a member of Broadmoor Assembly of God.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Schneider of Landau, Germany; daughter Sally Shell, a teacher in Broomfield, CO; son Ted Shell, a nurse in Tacoma, WA and his granddaughter Callie Shell, of Bryan, TX; his siblings Mally Hatch of Decatur, AL, Freeman Shell of Decatur, AL and Sally Whitehead of Jacksonville, AR; and numerous nieces and nephews. He has three step-children: Tamara Harper, Orlando, FL; Phillip Taylor, Orlando, Stefan Pheff of Germany, and four step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father Freeman E. Shell Sr. and mother Reba Odell Taylor of Hamburg, AR. Dr. Shell was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

He was greatly loved and respected by his family and friends.

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