

Howard Wallace Veal

HOWARD W. 'JACK' VEAL, 72, of Ranger, died on March 22, 2005 in an Abilene Hospital after a lengthy illness. Burial was in the Alameda Cemetery.

Jack was born on June 7, 1932 in Parker County, Texas to Edith Gertrude Burns and Ralph Wallace Veal. He was a graduate of Mineral Wells High School and attended Lee College and San Jacinto College, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He entered the United States Air Force in 1952 where he learned all about flight simulators. He was discharged in 1956. He married Launette Shook on June 26, 1956 in North Richland Hills, Texas. They lived in several different locations, returning to Ranger for a brief time while his children attended school. They moved to Houston where Jack went for work for Continental Airlines as a flight simulator engineer for 12 years until he retired in 1998. He moved back to Ranger and had his own electric service company, Veal's Electric and was also elected Police Commissioner for one term. Jack was a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge AF and AM #738 of Ranger. He was also a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Mineral Wells.

Survivors at the time of his death include his wife, Launette Veal of Ranger; sons Donny Veal and wife Linda of San Marcus, and Jimmy Veal and wife Ilo of Splendora; sister Barbara Jean Ainsworth of Ranger; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.