



In Memoriam



Edwin Hood Franklin **1936 - 2012**

Dr. Edwin Hood Franklin, 76, of Waco, passed away Wednesday, May 23, 2012.

Dr. Franklin was born to Clarence and Mardelle Hood Franklin Jan. 4, 1936, in Houston, Texas. Both parents were Baylor University graduates. Dr. Franklin graduated from Houston Public Schools (Houston Lamar High School) in 1953, and was selected to the Parade Magazine All-American High School Basketball team. He played in the National North-South

Basketball game in 1953 and was inducted into the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame in 1985 in Waco.

Dr. Franklin played basketball on a full scholarship for Baylor University and was co-captain of the team in 1957. After graduation from Baylor University in 1957, he became head basketball coach at S.F. Austin High School in Houston for two years. He was the youngest head basketball coach in the State of Texas at age 21.

He resigned to enter the University of Texas Dental School. Upon graduation, Dr. Franklin served two years in the U.S. Air Force as a dental officer with the rank of Captain. Dr. Franklin returned to Houston to establish a private practice of Dentistry. In 1968 he ran for the Houston School District Board of Education School Board. Dr. Franklin served for four years and brought many new ideas for good education to the school district.

He served on two bank boards of directors. In 1970, he was elected to be Young Man of the Year by the Houston Jaycees. He also placed in the annual Outstanding Young Texans Book. In 1969, he was awarded the Layman's Athletic Person of the Year by the Texas High School Coaches Association for contribution to athletics in the public schools of Texas. In 1978, Dr. Franklin was selected by former Athletic Director of Baylor University, Bill Menefee, to serve on the Board of the Baylor Stadium Corporation. He also served on the Freeman Center Board of Directors. Dr. Franklin has been a faithful fan supporter of Lady Bear Basketball and Softball.

During 1989 to 1990, he took time off from his dental practice to serve as a employee of the Region 12 Education Service Center as a Drug Education presenter to the schools. A year later he served nine months as Associate Publisher for Craig Steven's at his publishing company in the dental field of publications. He then returned to full dental practice.

Dr. Franklin gave 18 years as a volunteer dentist one day a week to the Waco-McLennan Dental Clinic. He practiced a total of 44 years in and was a lifetime member of the American Dental Association, the Texas Dental Association and the Centex Dental Society.

He is survived by his two daughters, Misty Perkins and husband, David, of Alvin, Texas, and Jamie Wall and husband, Richard, of Cedar Park, Texas; four grandchildren; and a very special friend and companion, Rae Peoples of Waco.

