



## Donald Franklin Bell

May 12, 1927 - March 29, 2014

Donald Bell, 86 of Aubrey, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 29, 2014. He was born May 12, 1927 to Henry and Bessie (Phinney) Bell in the community of Spring Hill. He married Mary Nell Wilson on November 1, 1956 in Denton County. He proudly served in the United States Army during WWII. He was a member of the Aubrey ISD School Board and was instrumental in the construction of the first Aubrey High School. Donald was a long time peanut farmer, and last served as an adviser at Starr's Service Station. He was a beloved father and grandfather. He is survived by three sons, Mark Bell of Pilot Point, Van Bell and his wife Traci of Aubrey, Curtis Bell and his wife Lisa of Aubrey; two daughters, Shirley and her husband Joe Sturm of Denton, and Lynne and her husband Tim Berend of Pilot Point; 13 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents and his loving wife Nell, of 57 years. Visitation was held at Midway Church on Monday, March 31, 2014 from 6-8pm. The funeral was held Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 10am at Midway Baptist Church with Pastor John Theisen officiating. Burial will follow at Belew Cemetery. Donations can be made in honor of Donald Bell to Midway Church. Online condolences may be shared at [www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com). Services are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center, Aubrey. To send a flower arrangement to the family of Donald Franklin Bell, please [click here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our Precious Friends, Our hearts have forever been imprinted by the love and influence of Don, Nell & "you boys"! Our hearts carry so many treasured memories of our times together! You have become family to us. Donald's quick wit, strong back bone and that tender heart made him so loveable! Praise God we have all of eternity together to share more laughter! We are lifting you all in prayer! Our love & blessings, Laura & Judene*

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**Laura Peck Judene Hanson** - March 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *On behalf of the entire Osburn family I wish to express our condolences to the family of Donald & Nell Bell. Lots of memories of neighbors, peanut farming, hard work, and laughter. May God bless you all.*

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**Lois Ann Osburn** - March 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM