Riter C. Hulsey

December 10, 1920 - December 16, 2017

Riter Hulsey was born to Mary Riter and Burl Benson Hulsey and on December 10, 1920, in Forney, Texas where he graduated from Forney High School as salutatorian in 1938. He attended Texas Christian University and then transferred to the University of Texas where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration. During his time at the University of Texas, he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and the Beta Gamma Sigma national honor society for business students.

In 1942, Riter enrolled in the Harvard Business School and was commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Supply Corps. After graduating from Harvard, Riter returned to Texas where he went to work for Dow Chemical Company in Freeport, Texas.

Riter C. Hulsey began his career with American National Bank of Texas in 1947 as a teller and has been a historic part of the bank's growth and the Terrell community since that time. In 1949 was quickly elected assistant vice president and continued to climb the ranks. Riter served as chief executive officer of American National Bank of Texas from 1975 to 1985. In 1986 Riter was appointed chairman of the board which he held until his passing. Riter recently celebrated his 97th birthday and his 70th anniversary with American National Bank of Texas. Throughout his career, Riter set the example for how to treat customers, the importance of thanking them for their business, and his commitment to the community. Even when he did not feel well, it was important to him that he attend the annual customer appreciation party last

week.
Riter Hulsey understood that the bank's interest in the welfare and development of the community contributed to the economic stability of the region. Throughout his career, he always led by example and encouraged all employees to be a part of the growth of the communities the bank served. Riter Hulsey was the well-deserved first recipient of the "Outstanding Citizen of Terrell" award and served on the Terrell Planning and Zoning Commission, Circle Ten Council Boy Scouts of America, the Terrell Youth Center board, the Senior Warden of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, the board of trustees for the Medical Center at Terrell, Terrell Rotary Club, the Terrell Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Terrell United Way Fund. Riter C. Hulsey is the namesake of the city of Terrell's public library, where he has served on the board since 1949.
Riter also served the financial industry on the Administrative Council of the Texas Bankers Association and as a director of the Independent Bankers Association.
Riter was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Gill Hulsey, and his brother, Burl Benson Hulsey, Jr. He is survived by his two children, Carol Hulsey Yowell and husband, David, and Robert Allen Hulsey, and wife, Sherry. He is also survived by his four grandchildren: Tony Hulsey, Brian Hulsey and wife,Keri; Steve White and wife, Abby; Lindsey Penny and husband, Trey. Riter has nine great-grandchildren: Kearstin Hulsey, Riter White, Bennett White, Trinity Hulsey, Taylor Hulsey, Gill Penny, Carter Penny, Harper Hulsey, and Wyatt Hulsey. With gratitude, he leaves behind his beloved caretakers: Karen Soto, Olivia Soto, Mary Brown, Kathryn Groessel, and Jannette Kennedy. The family would also like to express their appreciation of Jill Morgan. Riter Hulsey will be greatly missed and his memory will live on at American National Bank of Texas along with the high standards he set for customer service, his commitment to the ANBTX communities and his enduring love and support for his family and all the ANBTX employees. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Riter C. Hulsey

Public Library, 301 N. Rockwall Ave, Terrell, 75160 or The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 200 W. College, Terrell, 75160. Condolences and stories of how Riter touched the lives of each person he met can be shared with the family at www.maxslaytonfunerals.com.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Memorial Service

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Performing Arts Center
400 Poetry Rd.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall

Riter C. Hulsey

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM

RT

To Riter's family, we offer our sincere sympathy and our best wishes.

Riter's passing certainly created a hollow feeling in the community. There are few people that we knew while living in Terrell almost 30 years that had such a tremendous impact on the community, often without fanfare, often with a shyness and quiet compassion for Terrell and the business home he magnified. Sandy and I and our family, esp my Dad, Dub to many, were helped by the encouragement and support of Riter and the institution he managed for so many years. He will be missed by family, friends, and community. His life and his memory should provide a model and inspiration for those who follow pursue a greater Terrell.

Rick and Sandy Traylor - January 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM

WC

1 file added to the tribute wall

Wes Crenshaw - December 22, 2017 at 03:14 AM

WC

In the mid 1950s, Riter Hulsey helped my father, John H. Crenshaw Jr, move from farming is own farm near Royse City to managing a ranch owned by Matthew Cartwright near Forney. Mr. Hulsey helped him again move from farming into real estate. My father was nothing special to Mr. Hulsey - just someone in need. This was what made Mr. Hulsey such a wonderful person, doing what he could to help people. In every sense of the word, a great man.
John Wesley Crenshaw, Forney, TX

Wes Crenshaw - December 22, 2017 at 02:49 AM

DD

Riter was an amazing gentleman who always was an example to the ANBTX employees. Was always a privilege to call him on the phone and talk to him. He will be greatly missed.
Deborah Davis

Deborah Davis - December 20, 2017 at 10:37 PM

LG

We are truly sorry for the loss of Mr. Halsey; prayers for you all as you get through these coming days. Greg and Linda Gober

Linda Gober - December 20, 2017 at 06:51 PM

YJ

Your friends at JPMorgan purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Riter C. Hulsey.

Your friends at JPMorgan - December 19, 2017 at 04:11 PM

RE

Rene Elliott sent a virtual gift in memory of Riter C. Hulsey

Rene Elliott - December 19, 2017 at 12:21 PM

Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Riter C. Hulsey.

December 19, 2017 at 12:20 PM

2 files added to the album LifeTributes

Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - December 19, 2017 at 12:03 PM

KS

Just sharing a few memories of Mr. Hulsey as we all loved him. He had the talent to make everyone feel important and equal. Riter had the biggest heart and will be dearly missed and cherished by so many as his legacy continues to live on in this community.

Karen Soto - December 19, 2017 at 11:14 AM

DF

Many at the Terrell State Hospital knew Mr. Riter Hulsey. Mr. Hulsey came to several of our Volunteer Banquets as an invited guest. The first time he attended, I observed him sitting quietly at the back. Throughout the evening I saw a number of people go back where he was sitting to meet, greet, shake hands and speak to him – people from all across the hospital from all levels; many knew him, and he knew them.

Mr. Hulsey was a constant supporter of the hospital for many years. He was a donor to and was very involved in making the All Faith's Chapel and the Martha Allen Family Center possible. Whether he was donating items to the Family Center, the Country Store, clothing for patients or items for Christmas, he was always willing to help – if he ever heard we needed something, often we would get it. Sometimes he would call just to ask if we needed something (or more likely, to just ask what we needed). He served on the board of the Volunteer Service Council for many years and was a sponsor of the VSC Fountain 5K Run as well. In fact, he supported almost every fundraising activity at the hospital throughout the years. In recognition of his support, he was named a Friend of the Hospital at the Volunteer Banquet in 2016.

We have been very much honored that Mr. Hulsey included the hospital on his long list of community organizations that he supported over the years. Mr. Hulsey's passing will leave an empty space in the community, and he will be missed by a lot of people for a lot of reasons.

Dorthy Floyd
Terrell State Hospital

Dorthy Floyd - December 19, 2017 at 10:53 AM

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Riter C. Hulsey.

December 19, 2017 at 10:10 AM

8 files added to the album LifeTributes

Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - December 19, 2017 at 09:46 AM

Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Riter C. Hulsey.

December 19, 2017 at 08:45 AM

92 files added to the album LifeTributes

Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - December 18, 2017 at 01:12 PM

LB

Mr Hulsey was a Joy and Delight to know and work for, he was so kind, a true example and loyal to the bank and community. I have had the pleasure to work for ANB for 18 years and my girls grow up here and remember being a part of the Riter Hulsey Library in their younger years and they were so impressed that they knew of a 90 year old gentleman still going to work everyday. What an inspiration. Lisa Bader

Lisa Bader - December 18, 2017 at 09:32 AM

VD

Mr. Hulsey was a true servant leader who was kind, caring and always had a smile on his face. It was an honor to have known him and he made the world a better place. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and work family.

Vicki Decker - December 18, 2017 at 08:40 AM

CB

A wonderful, kind and caring gentleman. You will be sorely missed!

Colleen Biggerstaff

Colleen Biggerstaff - December 18, 2017 at 08:38 AM

JG

There aren't enough words to express what a kind, gracious gentleman Riter was and what a good example he set for everyone who met him. His work, not only for the bank, but also for Good Shepherd Church and the Terrell Library shows what a civic leader should be. My prayers are with his family and his many, many friends..

Jackie Sikes Gaston - December 18, 2017 at 08:21 AM

SC

We are sad to say goodbye to our friend Riter Hulsey.
Riter was such a fun person, quick witted and a joy to be around.
He made every person he met feel like they were a friend and a special person. He took the time to ask a few questions about each life he encountered and remember what they said. Later he would ask about the person's family often remembering the name of the family members. He spread more good will as he journeyed through his 97 years than most of us could manage in much less time.
Riter found the good in everyone. In return no one I met could find anything but good in him.
He loved and supported his church Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Terrell. For that reason rather than flowers we will make a donation to the church in his honor.
Rest in peace, Riter Hulsey, friend to all.
We will miss you.
Love and prayers to his family he loved dearly.
Art and Stephanie Crothers

Riter Hulsey is seated in the picture. Barbara and Stan Ingram are on the left side of the picture.

Stephanie Crothers - December 18, 2017 at 04:19 AM

KA

Riter Hulsey was a wonderful man whose Kind heart and values were demonstrated through every word and action. He will be missed by all.

Kasha Adams - December 17, 2017 at 12:15 AM

KJ

What a wonderful legacy this man left for the citizens of Terrell.

Karen Jones - December 18, 2017 at 09:43 AM

SF

We had the joy of being Mr. Hulsey's neighbors for a few years. He was such a kind and wonderful man. The legacy he leaves behind from his years at the bank and having the library bear his name are amazing. But what I will remember is my neighbor, always smiling, never failing to stop and talk, a sweet and gentle man.

Sherri Faulk - December 18, 2017 at 10:08 AM

DB

It was a great pleasure to have known Riter Hulsey, he was a gentleman who always had a smile to share. He will greatly be missed by all who knew him. May angles walk with family and friends today and always.

Doris Birmingham - December 18, 2017 at 10:21 AM

RL

All of us who had the pleasure of knowing and working for such a tremendous servant-leader are greatly blessed. Riter knew the importance of building relationships and community, and his decisions and actions supported his belief. He left big shoes to fill. I am most grateful to have known him and I look forward to that glorious reunion one of these days!

Rick Lewis - December 18, 2017 at 10:52 AM

NW

Riter lived his life as a true Rotarian demonstrating "Service Above Self". He will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Noreen Easter Walker - December 18, 2017 at 04:45 PM

SH

Mr. Hulsey was a greatly valued mentor to my dad, Sid Bivins, who owned a dairy farm through the 1950s, '60s and '70s. His wise guidance and support for a hard working entrepreneur and farmer were enormously valuable as my dad successfully navigated the ups and downs of market fluctuations, the 24/7 demands of a dairy farm and Texas weather challenges. We are thankful for Mr. Hulsey's legacy.

Susan Bivins Horne - December 20, 2017 at 11:55 AM

SK

I was blessed to work with this great man! He was a caring, selfless and compassionate individual! People were very important to him. He never failed to remind us how important it was to express a kind word and to help others. May he rest in peace after a long and productive life. Praying for comfort and peace for his family and close friends.

Sheryl Kiser - December 20, 2017 at 02:28 PM