

## J. David Fatheree Pampa High School Class of 1954



As the grandson of Pampa pioneer T. D. Hobart, and son of Pampa civic leaders, Clyde and Laura Hobart Fatheree, J. David Fatheree is part of a family tradition of service to country, church, school, and community. He was born in Pampa in 1936 and is a 1954 graduate of Pampa High School. He served two years as a cheerleader, one year as a member of the Student Council, and three years as a member of the PHS golf team.

He graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1958 with a degree in business administration. While at OU, he was an officer of Sigma Chi Fraternity and a member of the U. S. Army ROTC, receiving his second lieutenant's commission. He completed his active duty at Ft. Lee, Virginia, in 1959 and then served in the Texas National Guard where he attained the rank of captain.

In the early sixties, Fatheree returned to Pampa where he entered the insurance business. He has been active in the Pampa United Way for thirty years, serving as Chairman of the Board from 1974 through 1978, as drive chairman in 1978, and, currently as a division chairman.

Other community organizations which Fatheree has served, either as a board member or an officer, are: the Salvation Army, the Ronald McDonald House, the Pampa Country Club, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, the Pampa Community Concert Association, the Pampa Sheltered Workshop, the Rotary Club, the first Presbyterian Church, and the Boy Scouts of America. He is currently a member of the White Deer Land Museum Foundation's Board of Directors.

Fatheree has twice chaired his own class of 1954 reunion committees and yearly attends the reunions of other Pampa High School graduating classes. In 1996, the Committee for the Preservation of the Class of 1956 made him an honorary member of their class. He has been an active promoter of the PHS landscaping project begun by PHS graduates, and has worked on committees to honor former Pampa coaches and athletes.

Fatheree and his wife, Mary, live at 1911 Christine Street, just a few blocks from Pampa High. He and their son, David M., own and operate Fatheree Insurance Agency which regularly boosts Pampa's athletic teams and school organizations. David M. was a member of the 1984 State Champion harvester Golf Team. The Fatherees have a daughter-in-law, Kristin, and three grandchildren: Taylor, Garrett, and Madison.