



Ronald Earl Sweatman

August 7, 1945 - March 30, 2018

Ronald “Ron” Earl Sweatman passed away on Good Friday, March 30, 2018 at 9:01am during Holy Week. Ron was born on August 7, 1945 in New Orleans, Louisiana and grew up in Paridisi, Louisiana playing football and baseball in his youth and loved his family, the oil industry, water skiing; snow skiing, hunting, fishing and skeet shooting.

Ron is survived by his dearly loved wife, Sharon LeBlanc Sweatman, celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the Palm Sunday, March 30th, his daughter, Cindy Sweatman Goodrich, husband John and their children Broday and Caitlin and by his daughter Susan Sweatman Kern, husband Reid, grandchildren, Savannah, Rowan and Keagan. Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Ruby “Rube” Earle Sweatman and Lorena Walker Nygaard Sweatman.

Ron was a young lad of 6 years old when he followed his father, an oilfield general superintendent, on trips to drilling rigs around Louisiana or flying sea airplanes to the oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico. “Quite a few of the visits that my dad took me on – they were doing something special like a cement job, and that was the start of the interest,” he recalled. His passion grew for the oil industry and really wanted to make improvements to safety on oil rigs after witnessing numerous injuries. So at age 17, Ron began his Oil and Gas career while attending LSU studying Chemistry and 6 years in chemical

laboratory services for oil well cement manufacturing. Then at BJ and he also attended USL in Petroleum Engineering while based in Louisiana.

In all, Ron served 55 continuous years as a Texas Oil and Gas Executive, Principal Advisor on many Boards, Technical Advisory Panels, including the United States Energy Services, API, SPE, OTC, AADE, and IADC International Association of Drilling Contractors, President of RS Consulting, LLC. specializes in reservoir development challenges in E&P projects, enhanced oil recovery, gas storage and geothermal energy. Baker Hughes, Halliburton, Baker Hughes, Western International, RPSEA's Board; Manager at University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Head of Engineering at Independent Energy Standards Corp, Ron is recognized for his contributions in engineering, operations, management, and corporate strategy experience in the upstream, mid-stream and downstream segments.

Ron traveled internationally around the world including office and well locations in California, Alaska, West Texas, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, China and South America. He also worked 11 years as an expatriate in the North Sea, Europe, Asia, and Africa while living in Scotland and Singapore with his wife, Sharon and his two daughters, Cindy and Susan. All the while Ron and Sharon created beautiful memories and fun adventures traveling around the world that will last a lifetime in the hearts of their children and everyone who knew them throughout the years. Ron was the best husband, Dad and Papa in the world in the eyes of his family and will be sorely missed every day.

Ron was inducted into the Hall of Fame for American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE) for technical achievements in the oil and gas industry in April 2016 For his significant contribution to the advancement of cementing and other well services through patented technologies, publications, his significant contributions to the technology of oil-based drilling fluids, his

dedication to drilling engineering education and to the drilling man on the rig. "This is a great honor," Mr. Sweatman remarked. "I am very happy to know that my industry service and technical achievements have been appreciated by the AADE and others, like IADC, SPE and API."

Ron Sweatman was presented with the US DOI Corporate Leadership Award for his work as a consultant for the U.S. Department of The Interior in Washington DC to help write white paper for the U.S. Department of Interior on industry's recommendations for preventing another tragic offshore well control incident as required by President Obama in regards to the API/IADC Joint Industry Task Force for the Macondo Well Control Incident devastating the gulf of Mexico, the global drilling industry and indeed the people on board the Deep water Horizon. DOI used JITF white paper to help write an action plan to prevent future blowouts Current JITF ad hoc work includes periodic reviews of industry action plan progress and other initiatives such as the BSEE TA&R Project # 684.

Ron Invented 44 patented technologies to improve oil and gas extraction and geothermal energy production has authored over 100 technical publications, received 9 industry awards, 2016 book Horizontal Well Fracturing Chapter on interval isolation 2015 books IADC "Well Cementing Operations" covers techniques and developments never before published in a single source and provide an overview of basic well-cementing theory, best practices and real-world applications, calculations and problem-solving exercises; 2013 books Cementing Chapter in IADC Drilling Manual, 12th Edition; 2012 book SPE Fundamentals of Drilling Engineering on well cementing. Ron served on more than 20 committees and boards including the 2010 API/IADC Joint Industry Task Force for Macondo Well Control Incidents. 2013 to 2015 technical papers on modeling to predict kicks during drilling at IADC/SPE Drilling Conference and OTC and shale well fracturing papers at SPE MEOS and Offshore

Mediterranean Conferences. 2011 Certificate of Appreciation by the DCTZ Forum's Advisory Board for service in organizing the DCTZ (Drilling and Completing Trouble) Zones Forum each year since 2004

In lieu of flowers please consider purchasing a book to donate to college students who wish to pursue a career in the oil industry with safety and innovation in mind. <https://iadc.ebiz.uapps.net/personifyebusiness/OnlineStore/ProductDetail/tabid/55/ProductId/2338682/Subsystem/INV/ProductCode/BWELLCEMENTOPS/Default.aspx>

Video Interview with Ron on his latest book https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97g8mpkl_Vk

The Funeral Mass is at St. Mary's Church of Plantersville 10:30 am Saturday, April 14th, 2018 at 8227 County Rd 205, Plantersville, Texas 77363.

Reception to follow in the church hall. www.smsj.org

Directions from The Woodlands, Texas <https://goo.gl/maps/WwLWA5s8esy>

Previous Events

Catholic Mass

APR 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Plantersville, TX 77363

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Earl Sweatman*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Earl Sweatman.*



April 07, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ *I recall going water skiing with Ron and Sharon and watching Ron ski on one ski, boy was I impressed. It was a fun day even though I could not get up on 2 skis. My wife Anita and Sharon were close friends and we visited them in Slidell, La. and the interesting part of the visit was drinking the water which smelled like rotten eggs, rough to drink.*

I am sadden that a good person like Ron would die at such a young age and pray his family surely knows how lucky they were to have such a man in theirs lives.

God Bless Always.

Rene' Pagan

Rene" Pagan - April 03, 2018 at 08:58 PM