

## LEACH



Joseph Lee Leach was born May 2, 1921, in Weatherford, Texas, son of Austin F. and Eula Gose Leach, and died on December 29, 2011. He received a B.A. degree from Southern Methodist University and a Ph.D. from Yale University, where he was among the early graduates in their American Studies Program. He served in the army, stationed in post-war Japan. Upon his return, he began a thirty eight year teaching career in the English Department at Texas Western College. In the early sixties he served as that departments chairman. He was a charter member of the El Paso Historical Society, a member of the Downtown Rotary Club, the Audubon Society, the sierra Club,

and St. Francis Anglican Church where he sang in the choir for many years. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Ann Stuart Leach, their children: Joseph, Jonathan, and Anne; four children from his first marriage: Christopher, Timothy, Hilary, and Melinda; and eleven grandchildren.

The Family would like to thank Beckie Medina for her kind and expert care during the past four years. Private family services will be held in The Church of the Apostles, Coppell, Texas. Plans are pending for an El Paso springtime celebration of his life. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the El Paso Alzheimer's Association. Services Directed by San Jose Funeral Home.

