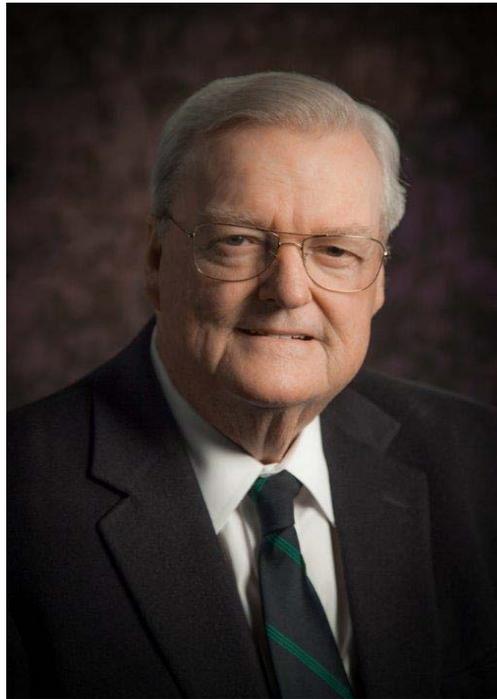


# W. Richard “Dick” Davis, January 1953 Distinguished Alumni Award 2015



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A lifelong resident of the Park Cities, Dick Davis graduated from HPHS in January 1953. While attending HPHS, he was on the tennis team, VP of Hi-Y, member of ROTC, Drum Major of the band, and a member of Lads and Lassies.

He attended SMU on a four year athletic scholarship, was captain of the tennis team, and president of Phi Delta Theta. He graduated from SMU in 1956 with a BBA and received his JD from the SMU School of Law in 1958. He began his legal career with Strasburger & Price where he practiced civil litigation, representing major automotive, pharmaceutical, manufacturing, maritime, and oil companies. He was lead counsel of record in 18 states and Puerto Rico, as well as national, regional and multi-state counsel. He was named a Distinguished Alumnus of the SMU Dedman School of Law in 2012 and was named a Silver Mustang by the Letterman’s Association. He was listed in “Best Lawyers in America” for 25 consecutive years. He was elected to the American College of Trial Lawyers, President of International Association of Defense Council, served on the board of Defense Research Institute before his retirement from active litigation.

Dick’s service to his community began with the City of University Park Master Plan committee and the Planning and Zoning commission and led to his election for three terms on the City Council. He was elected Mayor for two terms from 2011-2014. During his tenure, he was integral to the completion of the Bush Presidential Library, the building of the UP Public Library, and rebuilding of the Park Cities YMCA. He is in the Salesmanship Club, and past president of Dallas Country Club, as well as being chairman of the Board and Life Deacon of Park Cities Baptist Church.

Dick and his wife of 58 years, Sally, have three children, all graduates of HPHS, 10 grandchildren, 8 of which are HPHS graduates, and two who are still in the HP schools, and two great-grandchildren.