

Danny Biggs

1936 - 2008



Mr. Biggs was born on April 19, 1936 at Kingman, Kansas, the son of Walter and Wilma (Cheatum) Biggs. He married Darlene Craig on March 26, 1956 at Kingman. He started working for Pickrell Drilling Company, Inc., in Kingman, Kansas, in 1958 as a roustabout and pumper. He moved to Great Bend in 1963 and was promoted to Production Superintendent. In 1983, he became General Field Superintendent for Pickrell Drilling Company and subsidiary companies, Central Dirt Service and Mobile Drilling Company. In 1988, he became partner and vice president of Pickrell Drilling Company, Inc., and subsidiary companies. He was also a partner in Kelly Petroleum, LLC.

Mr. Biggs served on various community and oilfield committees throughout his life. He was past president of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association and past president of the National Stripper Well Association. He received the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the year Award in 2003 and the Barton County Community College Distinguished Service Award in 2008. He was a member of the First Christian Church, a director for the Central Kansas Medical Center Foundation, and a director of Community Bank of the Midwest.

He was inducted into the Kansas Oil and Gas Hall of Fame in 2000, and the Barton County Community College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007. He was the founder and president of the Kansas Oil and Gas Museum and Foundation. Mr. Biggs had been a director for the Barton County Historical Foundation and past chairman of the Mid America Oil and Gas Technology Expo and the Vision 2000 Area Relations/Image Committee. He was a past member of the Governor's Kansas Energy Policy Committee and a member of the American Petroleum Institute. He was committed throughout his career to educating the public about the importance of domestic oil and natural gas production.

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