

## **Franklin D. Gaines**

### **1934 - 2011**



Franklin Delano Gaines was born on April 21, 1934 in Peabody, the son of Robert W. and Freda L. (Boling) Gaines. Mr. Gaines was raised in the oil field camps of Butler and Greenwood Counties, Kansas. While still very young, he determined that higher education would be his route to business success. After graduating from Eureka High School, Frank continued his education via the financial aid he earned through football and academic scholarships. An Associate's degree from Butler County Junior College led him on to graduate from Washburn University with degrees in History & Political Science, and later to getting his law degree at Washburn and passing the Kansas Bar Exam.

His first business success was as a young attorney who practiced law in Augusta from 1960 to 1999. Frank served in the Kansas Legislature as a Representative for six years and a State Senator for twenty years. Mr. Gaines owned and operated the Burkett Oil Lease in Greenwood County for approximately 30 years. He served as Chairman of the Board and CEO of the First National Bank in Fredonia, Kansas. Mr. Gaines was also a rancher and livestock man in Greenwood County. He was a

member of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association (KIOGA). In 1983, Frank was united in marriage to Beverly Hertlein in Spearman, Texas.

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