



## **Lost Resources – Russell Dean Pettit February 17, 1941 - February 15, 2019**

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Dr. Russell (Russ) Dean Pettit born February 17, 1941 passed away February 15, 2019. Russ was born in Burr Oak, Kansas near the Nebraska border. Russ is survived by son Scott, Debbie, (Daughter-law), and grandson (Dane). He received the B.S. Degree, 1965, from Hays State University (formerly Ft. Hays State University), under the tutelage of Dr. Gerald (Gerry) Tomanek (Biologist/Plant Ecologist, and later President, Hays State University). Russ received the M.S. Degree (1965) from Texas Tech University (under Dr. Chester Jaynes), the Ph.D. Degree, 1968 (under Dr. Donald Hedrick, Oregon State University). Russ taught at Texas A&I University, 1968-1969, (currently Texas A&M University, Kingsville). He taught at Texas Tech University 1969 to 1990, and was Texas Tech University Professor Emeritus 1990 to 2019. Russ coached the Range Plant Team for 9 years and his team won the Range Plant Contest first place (SRM) 3 years. Russ served on the Board of Directors, Texas Section, SRM (1980-1982) and President, Texas Section, SRM (1994). He received the Outstanding Contribution to Rangeland Management Award (highest award bestowed by the Texas Section, SRM 1993). He was commonly known as 'Mr. Shin Oak'. Russ mentored a number of students both undergraduate and graduate.