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L. D. “Buddy” Sipes, Jr. was born in Big Spring and received his B.S. in Petroleum Engineering, graduating with honors from Texas Tech in 1957. He went to work for Core Laboratories, Inc. receiving engineering and consulting assignments in Dallas, Midland and Paris, France. From 1958 to 1960 and again from 1961 to 1962, he served in the U.S. Army. After completing his commission, Core Laboratory moved him to Midland to establish a consulting office. Two years later, Sipes joined a local petroleum consulting firm, which he and his associates purchased and renamed Sipes, Williamson & Associates, Inc. In 1980, Sipes formed Chisos Operating, Inc., an independent oil and gas firm. In 1990, he founded Diversified Remediation, Inc., an environmental cleanup company headquartered in Houston.

As a widely respected petroleum engineer, especially in the areas of reservoirs and evaluating reserves, he has had a major impact on the industry. He has co-authored several published papers.

Buddy’s work has helped establish definitions and accepted standards for reservoir engineering. They were also used by the Texas Water Development Board and the U.S. Department of Energy in planning efforts and policy decisions. He has played a critical role in shaping the development of the industry from the perspective of the course of development and by establishing globally recognized standards used throughout the industry.

But Buddy isn’t complete without Sally. Born in Brownfield, Texas, Sally was raised in Lubbock and Odessa. She attended Austin College and the University of Texas.

Sally has served on the boards of the Museum of the Southwest, Hospice of Midland and the Midland Country Club’s Ladies Association. A member of the Junior League of Midland and an elder at First Presbyterian Church, Sally has also been active with Meals on Wheels and Make Midland Beautiful. She has three sons, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.