



IN MEMORIAM



James Thomas Lowe

September 17, 1915 – March 23, 2008



Lion James helping to set out flags on Presidents Day, 2007.

Long-time Ruidoso resident Lion James Lowe died at age 92 on Easter morning, 23 March 2008. Lion James was born on 17 September 1915 in Gunter, TX. He earned Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from the University of North Texas. He met his wife, Martha, on her first day of college as she was registering for classes. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. Both prior to and after his military service, he served as a public school superintendent in school districts in Texas. In 1960, he gave up the rigors of school administration to teach in middle school. He and Martha, also an educator, retired from teaching in 1979.

Lion James and Martha began spending summers in Ruidoso in 1970, becoming permanent residents almost 30 years ago. Lion James was very active in community activities, including the Ruidoso Evening Lions Club and the Community United Methodist Church. A memorial service for Lion James occurred 26 March 2008.