

## *Frederick W. Fischer*

Frederick "Freddie" William Fischer was born on July 31, 1936, and passed away on September 8, 2013, at the age of 77. He was the only child of Albert and Barbara H. Fischer of Cuero. Mrs. Fischer passed away while Freddie was a child. He was, therefore, raised by his father, who owned and operated Fischer Laundry and Cleaners, in Cuero.

While in school, Freddie excelled in everything he did. A cast member of the Cuero High School UIL One Act Play, he and the rest of the cast of "The Little Foxes" won the state title for their performance in 1953. He played the trumpet in band and received numerous awards for his musical talent. He played tennis. And, he excelled academically. He was Valedictorian of the Cuero High School Class of 1954. Freddie attended the University of Texas in Austin for a brief time before returning to Cuero to work alongside his father in the family business. Eventually, he owned and operated Fischer Laundry and Cleaners. In 1996, Freddie sold the business and retired. Freddie never married; he treated his close friends and employees like family. It could be said that Freddie's first love was the theater. He traveled frequently to New York City and attended every Broadway play he could.

Near the end of his life, Freddie made arrangements to donate one million dollars to the Cuero ISD Education Foundation for the purpose of completing the Cuero ISD Performing Arts Center. The remainder of his estate was entrusted to the Cuero ISD Education Foundation for the purpose of awarding scholarships to deserving Cuero High School seniors and graduates. Freddie was a true Cuero Gobbler. His life and legacy live on in the investment he has made in the students of Cuero ISD, in the facilities of Cuero ISD, and in the community of Cuero.