

Obituary: Herschel V. Forester

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Herschel Vincent Forester, former professional football player and Baptist layman who supported numerous Christian causes, died Dec. 31 in Dallas. He was 87. Forester was born April 14, 1931, in Dallas. He served in the U.S. Air Force after graduating from Southern Methodist University in 1951. After his military service, he was drafted by the Cleveland Browns, where he played four seasons as an offensive lineman and was part of two NFL championship teams. In 1956, he met Sally Rogers. They married two years later and enjoyed more than 50 years together. During his career, he worked as an insurance salesman, real estate developer and in the billboard advertising business. He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Dallas and supporter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Dallas Baptist University, the Dallas Life Foundation and other causes. He served on the board of Texans Against Gambling. He was preceded in death by his wife and a brother, Bill Forester. He is survived by his son Herschel Forester Jr. and daughter-in-law Cindy; his daughter Suzanne Clarke and son-in-law Steve; and six grandchildren.

