



## Ronald "Bob" George Weedon

January 15, 1928 - June 4, 2008

Ronald George "Bob" Weedon, a native of London, England, died Wednesday, June 4, 2008 in Arlington, Texas. Bob Weedon was born January 15, 1928, to parents George Weedon and Florence Penfold Weedon. At the age of 15, Bob joined the Merchant Navy. After 3 years, he was transferred to artillery, where he was part of a group of soldiers responsible for the protecting the Jewish population during the Exodus. Bob had the distinct honor of being the first Englishman decorated by the King of Norway for his music accomplishments in jazz piano. He received this recognition for performing 10 years in the Jazz Festival at Trondheim University from 1971 to 1981. Bob was a self-taught jazz pianist. He traveled all of the world, accompanying musician Dick Bennett. He came to American in 1981, where he started playing at Five Star Hotels, including The Lowe's Anatole and Fairmont Hotels, doing so until his health deteriorated and he retired in 2004. Bob had developed a loyal following of businessmen and travelers that would come to hear him entertain when they would be in Dallas. Bob was instrumental in organizing the Jazz Festival at the Dallas Museum. He was extremely proud that his group, The Bob Weedon Trio, was the first to perform at that festival. In addition to his music, Bob was a recognized poet. In 1972, he was the recipient of an writing award presented by the English actor, Michael Wilding. In Bob's absence, his mother received the award that was presented to him at the Dorchester Hotel in London. Survivors: wife of 36 years, Claudine Bertrand Weedon of Grand Prairie; his family, including Gloria, Brian and Robyn Gill, Bubbie and Ernie

Randall, Freddie and Joyce Sweetman, Jean and Chris Wilson. Friends are invited to attend a Celebration of his life at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, June 14, 2008, in the Chapel of Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E. Main Street, Grand Prairie.