As mayor, Dr. Robert N. Cluck believed the city of Arlington was built on two words, “We Can.” This citizen mayor brought that spirit of optimism to every decision made, every vote cast and every dream envisioned. Where others saw challenge, he saw opportunity. Where some doubted, he had faith.

His service began in the United States Air Force as a general medical officer during the Vietnam War where he treated wounded soldiers at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. Upon returning to Arlington, Dr. Cluck worked as a physician and as a Medical Director at Arlington Memorial Hospital.

In 2003, Dr. Cluck was elected by the people of Arlington to lead their city as mayor. He championed environmental initiatives, safe neighborhoods, public health, mobility and economic development.

Perhaps the best example of Mayor Cluck’s visionary leadership was shown with his efforts to help bring America’s team, the Dallas Cowboys, to a new home in Arlington. Mayor Cluck saw something more than a stadium, he saw a chance to create jobs in Arlington and strengthen pride to the community. He knew the stadium would not only host the Cowboys, but also Super Bowls, Final Fours and major concerts.

Mayor Cluck believed that every time an event took place at the stadium, the real winner would be the city of Arlington. And so he worked tirelessly to make sure the dream of the world’s greatest stadium became a reality for the city. During the building process, Mayor Cluck brought Arlington together by making sure every citizen was involved and every voice was heard. In the summer of 2009, the stadium made its public debut with several major events planned for the inaugural year.

Throughout his career, Mayor Cluck also found time to participate in important organizations such as the Texas Cities Clean Air Coalition and the North Texas Clean Air Coalition. He also served on several executive boards including the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives – Local Governments for Sustainability Board of Directors, U.S. Conference of Mayors Advisory Board, Texas Municipal League Board of Directors, North Texas Commission Executive Board, Arlington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Workforce Solutions Governing Board, Tarrant County American Heart Association Board of Directors, Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition Executive Board and the North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee Board of Directors.

Mayor Cluck’s lifetime commitment to public service is an inspiring example. His “We Can” spirit and optimistic attitude transformed the city of Arlington to a better place for all.