

## **Carl L. Wear | 1923-2014**

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Carl L. Wear, 90, a former mayor of Rhome, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014.

Funeral was Feb. 7 at Aurora Baptist Church where he was a member, and burial followed at Aurora Cemetery with full military honors under the direction of Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur. Pallbearers were Troy Misner, Shawn Hines, Jerod Blomberg, Ben Hoover, Matt Hoover, John Hoover, Steven Wear and Garrett Richardson. Honorary pallbearers were Charles Haynes, David Wilson, Bill Childress, Lee Waldrop, Ned Adcock and Will Hughes.

Carl was born Dec. 13, 1923, in Catawba, Wis., to Carl Sr. and Eva Tague Wear. Born to deaf parents, his first language was signing with his hands. After being raised as a farm boy, he went on to serve two years in the Army during World War II, participating in the Battle of the Bulge at Grande Halleaux, Belgium, and earning a Purple Heart after being wounded there.

He later enlisted in the Air Force and proudly and humbly served his country in the U.S. and in England for the next 18 years. After retiring from military service, he settled his family in Rhome and enjoyed the rest of his life there, making many friends and serving his community as city secretary, water superintendent and mayor. He also served as water superintendent in Saginaw.

Carl always had a smile and a handshake for everyone he met, and no one left his presence a stranger. His greatest joys were his family, friends, his pets and working with his hands. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was a proud member of the Wise County Veteran's Association, a charter member of the Chisholm Trail Antique Farm Equipment Club and the 75th Division Veteran's Association.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Wear; daughters Carolyn Hines and husband, Danny, and Jennifer Blomberg and husband, Jerry; son Gary Wear and wife, Cindy; stepdaughters Cheryl Hoover and husband, Jerry, Donna Misner and Jean Misner-Smith and husband, David; stepsons Steve Misner and wife, Cindi, and John Misner; 20 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.