



James Edwin Harris

1932-2020

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James Edwin Harris, 87, passed from this life Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019, at the Grace Elder Care Home in Spring, following a brief illness.

A memorial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Oak Grove Methodist Church in Decatur.

Born and raised in Crafton, the son of James B. and Lucy W. Harris, he spent most of his life in Wise County. He worked at the family dairy farm until his marriage in 1950 when he went to work at Convair in Fort Worth.

In 1951, he took over the family dairy farm after the death of his father, which he ran until the mid-1960s, when he went to work for Federal Aviation Agency in Flight Service Stations in several north Texas cities. After retirement, he returned to the family farm where he lived until shortly before his passing.

Edwin loved good food and socializing, bad jokes and had a wonderful smile that could light up a room. He never met a stranger and took it upon himself to find out as much as he could about the people he happened to meet.

He was preceded in death by his parents James B. and Lucy Harris; sister, Melba Ruth Burgdorf; wives Virginia Watson Harris and Sue Jones Harris; and a step-great-granddaughter, Christa Flores.

He is survived by three daughters, Joanne Shaw (Red) of Decatur, Patricia Chapman (Phil) of Spring and Brenda Smith (Reed) of Dripping Springs; five grandchildren, C.J. Harris (Barbara) of Florida, Lacey Smith of Chicago, Ill., Micah Smith of Dripping Springs, Melanie Shaw of Chicago and Glenn Shaw (Sarah) of Idaho; three great-grandchildren, Christopher Harris of Nebraska, Megan Harris of Jacksboro and Madalyn Shaw of Idaho; two great-great-grandchildren, Heaven Davis of Florida and Cash Flores of Dallas. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, J.A. Burgdorf of Arlington; cousins, nieces and nephews; and life-long friends, all of whom brought great joy to his life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Oak Grove Methodist Church in Decatur.