



Ben E. Jarvis

June 22, 1925 - September 19, 2018

Services for Benjamin Edward Jarvis, 93, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Tyler with Reverend Scott Richardson and Bishop David Houston officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Jarvis passed away Wednesday, September 19, 2018 in Tyler. He was born June 22, 1925 in Troup to Newell and Bennie Ruth Sharp Jarvis. He grew up surrounded by family including his sister Sara Jones, and cousins Eleanor Cameron, Annell Schoenvogel, and the late Julietta Jarvis.

He has deep roots in Smith County and was a long-time member of First Baptist Church. In his 93 years of life, he wore many hats. He served in World War II, graduated Baylor University and Baylor Law School. He served 3 terms in the Texas State Legislature, practiced law in Tyler, was a land developer and a tree farmer. He was married to Mary Stephens for 57 years and was a dedicated father to his four children. Although he loved traveling the world, he was happiest walking through the piney woods of East Texas. He gave of himself to others and made no mention of it to the world.

Ben was preceded in death by his father, Newell H. Jarvis, and mother, Bennie Ruth Sharp Jarvis. He is survived by his loving family including his

wife Mary Stephens Jarvis; sons, Newell Stephens Jarvis, John Robert Jarvis and wife Sheri Jarvis, daughters Jo Ellen Jarvis and husband Dave Watson, and Sara Ann Jarvis Thompson and husband Chris Thompson; grandsons: Matthew Thompson, Pace Thompson, CJ Thompson, and Jake Jarvis; sister, Sara Jarvis Jones, and nephews Sam Jones, David Jones, and Nathan Jones.

Special thanks to Mamie and Buddy Mayfield, Annette Wilson, and Scott Fitzgerald for all the care they have given to Ben and our entire family.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 21, 2018 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to Cal Farley Boys Ranch (calfarley.org), Gideons International (gideons.org) or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Tyler, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
301 W. Ferguson
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall

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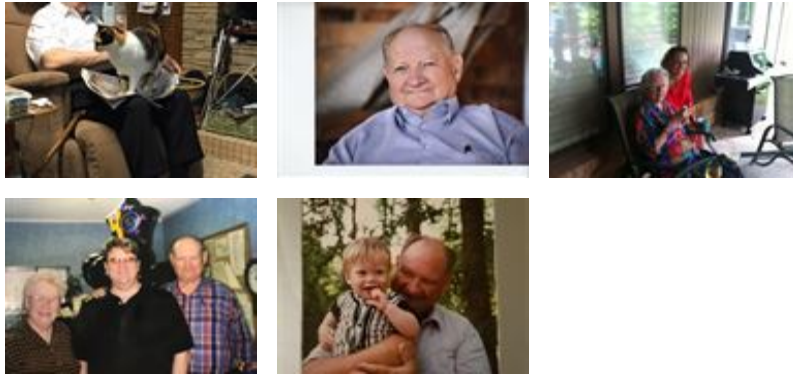
“ *Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Ben E. Jarvis*



Loretta Martinez - September 28, 2018 at 08:12 AM



“ *175 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - September 21, 2018 at 11:21 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Ben E. Jarvis.*



September 21, 2018 at 01:22 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ben E. Jarvis.*



September 20, 2018 at 06:17 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Jarvis Family. I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved husband and father. May the love and strength of your wonderful family and friends help you through this very difficult time. I'm forever grateful I had the chance to know Mr. Jarvis and your entire family. I'd like to extend condolences and sympathy from the Hartman Family. - Sandra Hartman-Neumann*

Sandra Hartman-Neumann - September 20, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ *What an honor I feel to have known and been mentored by such a great man! Mr. Jarvis was like a father to me and was always good to me. I feel like I spent just as much time in the Jarvis home as I did my own growing up. I will always be grateful for his knowledge and wisdom that he shared and for the example he has been to me. I pray for peace for Mrs. Jarvis, Jo Ellen, Newell, John and Ann during this time.*

Kevin W. Williams

Kevin Williams - September 20, 2018 at 09:18 AM