



Earl Allen

May 24, 1920 - April 16, 2009

Memorial services for Earl Edwin Allen age 88, and Harriet Jane Allen, age 87 of Tyler will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 2:00 PM at University Christian Church with Rev. Ronald Byrd officiating. Services are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. A memorial service will also be held at Second Church of Christ in Danville, IL on April 26, 2009 at 2:00 pm Illinois time (3:00pm) Indiana time. Mr. and Mrs. Allen passed away Thursday, April 16, 2009 at their residence in Tyler. Mr. Allen was raised in Perrysville, Indiana where he graduated high school. He was a flight instructor for the Army Air Corp during WWII. He was a 747 Captain and Chief Pilot for American Airlines retiring at the age of 60 in 1980. He lived most of his life in Ft. Worth until moving to Tyler in 1991. Mr. Allen enjoyed gardening, neighborhood projects and traveling. His constant companion and very best friend was his beloved wife Harriet. Mrs. Allen grew up in Fountain County, Indiana and graduated from Attica High School. She then graduated from Lakeview Nurses Training as a registered nurse, dedicating over forty years of her career to the needs of others and their families. More importantly, she was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend who always put their needs above hers. She married in March 1989 and moved from Williamsport, IN to Hurst, TX. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family and friends. Together with her beloved husband, they built their retirement home in Tyler. They were members of University Christian Church in Tyler. Mrs. Allen was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Vera Foster; her brothers,

Max Foster, Roy Newman Foster and Robert D. Foster and husband Robert L. Ford; Mr. Allen was preceded in death by his parents, Earl M. and Loraine Allen; his brothers, Robert and James Allen and wife Patty Dunton Allen. They are survived by their loving family including; children, Robert Dean Ford and wife Nancy of Greenhill, IN, Dennis J. Ford and wife Connie of LaPorte, IN, Penny Jane Ford Smith and husband Thomas of Covington, IN, Sheryl Allen Ford of Oregon, and Kathy Allen Johnson and husband Gary of Hurst; grandchildren; Brian Ford, Brad Ford, Scott Ford, Todd Ford, Matt Smith, Cara Smith, Erin Smith, LCDR Allen Ford of Patuxent NAS, Jarrett Ford and Jonathan Ford of California, Brandy Hudson and husband Andrew of Krum, Gregory Johnson and wife Monica of Hurst; 14 great grandchildren together; her sisters Nancy Allen and husband Jim and Martha Meyer and husband Virgil; and brother Wayne Foster and wife Janet; and his sister Mary Rector and husband Robert of Georgetown, Ill.

Memorials in honor of Earl Edwin Allen and Harriet Jane Allen may be made to the American Heart Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas, 75231 or the American Diabetes Association, ATTN: National Call Center, 1701 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA 22311. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

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“*Earl was also a very sweet and special man and I always enjoyed seeing him when I would go to their house. He was always dressed nice, no matter what he was doing! He seemed so healthy for his age and I used to tell him and Harriett that I hoped I looked and felt as good as they did when I was their age! They were so young acting together! I know they are happy together! I will miss him so much! I loved him and Harriett both!*

Lori Winchester - April 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM