



Watson Hardeman

December 27, 1929 - May 13, 2010

A memorial service for Watson Hardeman, 80, of Tyler, will be held on Monday, May 17, 2010, at 11:30 AM at Green Acres Baptist Church Chapel with Dr. Darrell Dunks officiating. A private burial will precede the service Kilgore Memorial Gardens under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Hardeman passed away on May 13, 2010 in Tyler under the care of Hospice of East Texas. He was born December 27, 1929 in Lubbock to William and Vera McKinley Hardeman. Watson lived in Longview thru his elementary and high school years. He joined the Navy in 1948. Watson was a Radioman Second Class Petty Officer and operated on four different aircraft carriers around Korea from 1950-1952 including his first, the USS Valley Forge cv45. In 1952 he attended Kilgore Junior College and then went to the University of Texas at Austin where he graduated with a degree in Architectural Engineering in 1958. While attending UT Austin, he married Johnece Fout, of Kilgore, on May 23, 1954. Watson was employed with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. (now AT&T) in 1957 and retired in 1990. He worked in the engineering, architectural and real estate sections of SWBT during that period and became registered as an Architect as well as a Registered Professional Engineer while employed there. Watson was a member of the AIA and Professional Engineers Society. His family has been active in various Baptist churches in Dallas, ST. Louis, MO., Houston as well as Hide-A-Way Lake Community Church, and Green Acres Baptist Church, Friendship Sunday School Class in Tyler. Watson served on various church

and civic boards and was an active member in the local Korean War Veterans Chapter 286. His family and friends will remember Watson for his love for His Lord, his faith and his loving generous spirit. Watson was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Ruth Emch and brother Billy Hardeman. He is survived by his loving family including his wife Johnece F. Hardeman; daughter, Cristi Ann Ratcliffe and husband Sam of Dallas; son, John Scott Hardeman and wife Kathy of Grapevine; sister, Nancy Fulton of Dallas; sister-in-law, Mary Hardeman of Longview; grandchildren, Catherine, Caroline, Hunter, Hayden, Hilary, Harrison and Hudson; and several nieces and nephews. His children and grandchildren were the love of his life. Honorary pallbearers will be Friendship Sunday School Class. Memorials in lieu of flowers in honor of Watson Hardeman may be given to the Building Fund of Green Acres Baptist Church, 1607 Troup Highway, Tyler, Texas 75701, or Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ We were sorry to hear about Watson. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God will help you get through this difficult time. God bless all of you.

Louise and James - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ My sincere sympathy to the Hardeman family. I worked for Watson in Dallas at Southwestern Bell & have many memories of those times.

David Baldwin - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ johnece
so sorry to hear of your loss. i remember our times at swbt with fond memories. i have you in my thoughts and prayers.

jim ramsey - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ We were next door neighbors for 4 years while we were in grade school.He was a good friend and will be missed.I missed seeing him on April 30 in Longview at the Maco Stewart Golf Tournament.

Glen L.Brown - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Johnece,
We were so saddened to hear of Watson's passing. Just last week something told me I should give Watson a call, and ask about your health. I regret so much not making that call, just to know what was happening in both your lives. You know I will always remember Watson as my first, and favorite supervisor at Southwestern Bell in my own 31 year career. I know Watson will be missed by all his family and friends. I for one will always remember him as a loving and caring family man, strongly connected to his Savior. May God bless you and your family.*
Ron Major
Tyler, Texas

Ron and Barbara Major - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *Mrs. Hardeman, Cristi, Scott and family, I am so saddened to hear about the passing of your husband and dad. I want you to know that Gene and I are praying that God's peace will cover you during this very difficult time. I will always remember your dad Cristi as a kind man that always welcomed me to your home when we came to visit. I pray God's strength for each of you at this time. We love you.*

Rhonda Alexander - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Our hearts are with you, Johnece and family. Chuck and Watson shared a long and happy friendship with lots of good memories that will cherish.*
We thank God for having had Watson in our lives.
Chuck and Winona Williams

Chuck & Winona Williams - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ To Mrs. Hardeman and the entire family, I am praying for you as you cope with your loss, but thanking Jesus that Mr. Hardeman is rejoicing with Him in heaven. It's been a long time since I saw Mr. Hardeman, but I remember him as having a wonderful sense of humor with a twinkle in his eye, and Cristi speaking of him so fondly. With love and sympathy, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Jacobson - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ We are sorry to learn of Watson's passing.

I have fond memories of working with both of you at AT&T (SWBELL).

Also, we fondly remember the good times of Christian fellowship in Sunday School at Green Acres and eating out at Traditions as well as the good times of living at Hideaway Lake.

We pray for comfort and peace for you and your family at this time.

Terri and Pierce Blunt

Terri Blunt - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

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