

**Shotwell, Thomas Knight** | 1934-2011

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Graveside service for Thomas Knight Shotwell, 77, of Dallas was to be 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, at Vaughan Cemetery in Hillsboro with the Rev. John McCormick officiating.

The former mayor of Runaway Bay died Saturday, July 9, 2011, at his home in Dallas. Born in 1934, east of Hillsboro to James Douglas (JD) and Bonnie Maurine Shotwell, he graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1951, Tarleton State University and finally Texas A&M University in 1955 with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture.

After working nearly five decades in the agriculture and science industries, Shotwell retired to Runaway Bay in 1999. He was elected mayor in 2000.

In 2001, he was named Citizen of the Year by the Runaway Bay Chamber of Commerce and an honorary firefighter by the Runaway Bay Volunteer Fire Department.

He was publicity chairman of Off 380 Players from 2001 to 2003 and directed West Wise Leadership from 2002 to 2009.

He also served on the advisory board for Weatherford College Wise County and was a member of Bridgeport and Wise County historical societies.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Imogene Plunkett Shotwell, who died 52 days prior to his death.

Shotwell is survived by brother James Lynn Shotwell of Port Lavaca; sister Betty Shotwell Turner Spradling of Menifee, Calif.; daughter Sharon Kay Shotwell Hiss of Carrollton; and grandchildren Janelle Nicole Hiss and Justin Kyle Hiss, both of Carrollton.

Memorials may be made to the Vaughan Cemetery Association, 497 Hill County Road 3111 W., Abbott, TX 76621.