

## **Hartman, G.B. | 1928-2012**

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G.B. Hartman, 84, of LaGrange, formerly of Sherman, died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012.

Funeral is 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at West Sherman Baptist Church with the Rev. Danny Wood officiating. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. in Oaklawn Cemetery in Decatur.

G.B. was born Sept. 5, 1928, in Oklahoma. He graduated from Decatur High School, served in the U.S. Air Force, worked as a lineman for the REA in Decatur and retired from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

While working as a lineman in 1950, G.B. was one of the first people in Wise County to contract polio. He was hospitalized in the City County Hospital in Fort Worth before being transferred to the Gonzales Warm Springs Hospital for intense therapy. He was left with a disability that he never acknowledged and went on to pursue his life with a positive attitude that was evident in all he did. A lifelong dream was to get his private pilot's license and like everything else he set his mind to, it became one of his proudest moments when he received his license.

G.B. worked for the Texas Department of Public Safety for more than 30 years in communications. He held that job in Harris, Tarrant and El Paso counties, then retired as Chief Radio Dispatcher in Grayson County. During that time, he received many accolades for his professional service and was admired by fellow officers for a job well-done and for his impeccable work ethic. His love for his job was reflected in the way he handled the hectic demands of being a dispatcher, and he never wavered in his professionalism in handling each call.

After retiring from DPS, G.B. went on to work in security with the railroad, was a charter airplane pilot, and for many years ferried cars for Grayson Motors.

G.B. was preceded in death by his father, Gaither Hartman and his mother and stepfather Lois and Morris Guthrie.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Marianna Hartman of Fayetteville; daughters Donna Fischman and husband Jordan of Tomball and Cathie Woods of Sherman; son Morris Hartman of Waverly, Illinois; brother Marvin Guthrie and wife Kay of Granbury; sister Jo Ann Schimmel and husband Gary of Fort Worth; grandchildren Chad Garland, Brandy Akard, Tyler Hartman, Leah Hartman and four great-grandchildren.