

# Renshaw, Samuel Worthington, Jr. | 1923-2018

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Samuel Worthington Renshaw Jr.

Samuel Worthington Renshaw Jr., 95, of Decatur, died Tuesday, July 3, 2018, in Fort Worth. Funeral was July 6 at the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Brian Bosworth officiating. Burial followed at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Roy Eaton, Brett Shannon, Stephen Wren, Russell Shults, Mark Shults and Stan Shults.

Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur handled arrangements.

Sam was born May 20, 1923, in Decatur to Samuel and Pearl (Elder) Renshaw. He graduated from Decatur High School in 1941. He attended North Texas Agricultural College on a basketball scholarship and was a member of the ROTC. He joined the U.S. Marines in 1943 as a radio operator and served in the South Pacific during World War II.

Sam graduated from TWC on a basketball scholarship with a major in physical education and a minor in education in 1948. He married Thelma Jo Wren April 2, 1947, in Decatur. In 1948, Sam joined the National Guard where he was promoted to captain and was made commander of Company C155 Tank Battalion.

He served the Wise County community as a teacher and coach in Bridgeport, a volunteer fireman, secretary manager of the Chamber of Commerce and city secretary of Decatur for 34 years. His honors include: Citizen of the Year, City Secretary of the Year, president of the Booster Club, general superintendent of the Wise County Youth Fair, president of the Texas City Association of City Clerks and president of the Lions Club.

Sam was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Decatur where he served as an usher for 63 years, chairman of the finance committee for many years and lay speaker.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Sara Elizabeth; and brother Lute.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years; son Sam and wife, Kay, of Richardson; daughters Donna Harrison and husband, George, of Arlington and Becky Lyles of Decatur; four granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.