



Emmett Carl Hannes

May 25, 1915 - May 20, 2010

Funeral services for Emmett Hannes, 94 of Giddings, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2010 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings. Burial will follow in the Giddings Memorial Park in Giddings. Visitation will be held Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Monday from 7:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. A prayer service will be held Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home and the Hannes family will be present for visitation Sunday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Emmett, a long-time Giddings banker, passed away on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at the Country Care Plex in Giddings. Emmett Carl Hannes was born on May 25, 1915 in Dime Box, Texas to Adolph & Emma (Karcher) Hannes. He was reared in Dime Box and attended the Dime Box Public School before graduating from Caldwell High School. He attended the University of Texas and Southwest State Teacher's College in San Marcos, Texas. Emmett taught school for three years before beginning his banking career with Lexington State Bank in Lexington, Texas in September of 1939. He also worked in the Planters and Merchants State Bank in Hearne, Texas. He served in the United States Air Force attaining the rank of Captain. As a B-25 Bomber pilot during WWII, Emmett served in the CBI Theater of Operations and flew in 70 combat missions.. After being separated from the service in November of 1945, he began work as a Cashier in the First National Bank in Giddings. He was named Vice President in 1958 and Senior Vice President in 1973. He became a member of the Board of Directors in 1953 and served as the Chairman of

the Board and President of the First National Bank from September of 1978 until his retirement in March of 1982. One of the greatest joys in his life was when he married the former Helen Shaw on December 8, 1945 in the chapel of Brook General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. They spent nearly 58 years together before her death on September 3, 2003. Emmett and Helen were active members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings and together they owned and operated Hannes Insurance Company in Giddings for many years. Emmett was a charter member and the first president of the Giddings Rotary Club, being a member from March 8, 1955 until the time of his death. During the course of the years, he served as Treasurer and served on several committees including, most recently, the Country Music Monday tickets and greeters committee. He received the distinction of being named Rotarian of the Year in recognition for his services. He is also a past president and director of the Giddings Chamber of Commerce and was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1987. He and Helen received the special honor of the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Giddings Chamber of Commerce in 2002. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of Lee Memorial Hospital for several years and also as a board member of the Giddings-Lee County Airport and was involved in many other various civic organizations. Emmett & Helen were very generous contributors to the youth of Lee County by purchasing countless projects from the participants of the Lee County Junior Livestock Show over the years. The yearbook for the 2005 show was dedicated to Emmett in appreciation for his countless contributions. He was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife, Helen and a brother, Monroe Hannes. Emmett is survived by his sister-in-law, Ellie Hannes of Giddings; his brother-in-law, Kenneth Shaw of Giddings; several nieces and nephews and the numerous individuals touched by his kindness and generosity through his lifetime of giving. Memorials may be made to Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 573 North Main, Giddings, Texas 78942 or to Grace Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 844, Giddings, Texas 78942.

Tribute Wall

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John D. Pieratt - May 24, 2010 at 07:50 PM

CB

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CHRIS & MICHELLE BIRNBAUM - May 24, 2010 at 03:44 PM

SC

“ *Emmett Carl Hannes*

Shirley (Foehr) Cantrell - May 24, 2010 at 12:28 PM

PP

“ *Emmett Carl Hannes*

Preston Perry - May 24, 2010 at 02:16 AM

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Johnathan Noack - May 22, 2010 at 12:54 PM

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Rotary Club of Giddings - May 22, 2010 at 12:51 PM