



## Orbie R. Hairston

October 17, 1929 - November 18, 2016

Graveside services for Orbie R. Hairston, 87 of Temple are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Monday, November 21, 2016 in the Milano Cemetery, Milano, Texas. Rev. Darren Walker of First United Methodist Church in Belton will officiate. There will be no visitation.

Orbie was born in Chriesman, Texas on October 17, 1929 to Allen Jackson and Nora Alley (Price) Hairston. He joined the U.S. Army in December 1948, was an Army tank man, learning to work on the tanks, and became a Sergeant. He retired 21 years later in August 1969. He tried retirement for five years. In 1974, they returned to Texas from Fort Knox, Kentucky and he went back to work in Civil Service at Fort Hood in heavy mobile maintenance repair for 20 years, and retired once again. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Belton and a member of the Temple V.F.W. Post #133. On June 14, 1952, he and Jo Ella Magee were married in the First Christian Church in Rockdale. Together they raised their two daughters. He enjoyed his family and friends, sharing his life stories and working with his chickens and peacocks. He loved working on cars, tractors and big equipment.

He passed away Friday, November 18, 2016 at his home in Temple. He is preceded in death by his parents; six brothers, Jessie, Loye Lee, Charles Ray, A.B., Jerry and Ronnie Wayne Hairston and two sisters, Mae Johnson and Martha Grauvender.

Surviving is his wife of 64 years, Jo Ella Hairston of Temple; two daughters, Linda Maureen Jordan and husband Lonnie of Killeen and Elizabeth Ann Hairston of Temple; two grandchildren, Christopher Cecil Jones of Temple and Lisha Marie Coleman and husband Mike of Lincoln, Nebraska, and a great-granddaughter, Sophia Kirby.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Milano Cemetery  
254 N. 6th Street  
Milano, TX 76556

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jo Ella, I want to express my deepest sympathy to you and to your family for the loss of your husband. It has been many years since I have seen you but I truly think of you often. I have many memories of you sharing funny family moments with me during our VA time together. My prayers are with you and your family. I truly believe the Good Lord above is in charge and is Orbie is by His side.  
Sincerely,  
Gerry Wilder

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**Gerry Wilder** - November 22, 2016 at 10:13 AM

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“ We will certainly miss you Orbie! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**The Car Shop** - November 21, 2016 at 12:25 PM

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“ May your heart and soul find peace and comfort at this time of loss. Orbie will certainly be missed by his friends at Farm Equipment Service, Inc. in Temple, TX.

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**Tim Wall** - November 21, 2016 at 08:40 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are so sorry for your loss. Love to you all. Barb Pollock and Carol Mouche

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**Barb** - November 20, 2016 at 09:40 AM