



Robert L. Hirt

September 17, 1917 - March 22, 2017

Robert Lee Hirt, World War II Veteran, of Houston, having reached the age of 99, passed away Wednesday, March, 22, 2017. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 11:00 am, Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale with Dr. Michael T. Dunn of First Christian Church of Houston officiating. Visitation will be held prior to services from 9:30 am to 10:30 am at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home.

Mr. Hirt was born September 17, 1917 in Rockdale, Texas to W.C. and Luella (Middleton) Hirt. He attended public schools in Rockdale and Thorndale. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he spent the next four years. While stationed in Victoria, Texas he married Josephine Murphree of Rockdale. After a brief interim, he reenlisted in 1948 and together they traveled extensively throughout Europe and the United States. He retired with 22 years of active service with the rank of Master Sergeant E7 and was Honorably Discharged in 1965. Mr. Hirt then went to work for Rice University with the Administrative Staff and retired in 1985.

He was very active in fishing, hunting, golf and loved ping pong. Mr. Hirt was a member of the First Christian Church in Houston for many years. He was a 32nd degree Free Mason in The Scottish Rite for 55 years as well as a member of Ransford Chapter #135 Order of the Eastern Star.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Josephine Hirt; parents, W.C. and Luella Hirt; brother, J.C. "Sonny" Hirt; and sister, Mabel Simank.

Mr. Hirt is survived by his daughters, Jane Hirt McKinley and husband Clark of Bellville, Texas and Susan Hirt Dyes of Houston, Texas; grandchildren, Jennifer Hirt McKinley, Aaron Bennett Brown, Amy Elizabeth Dyes and Robert Scott Hirt Dyes; great grandchildren, Kendal Bennett Brown and Josephine Faye Brown; several nieces and nephews; as well as his faithful companion, Fiona.

Pallbearers will be Tom Hatcher, Billy Rodenbeck, Wayne Slivinsky, Johnny Hirt, Gordon Samuelson, Clark McKinley, Robert Scott Hirt Dyes and Aaron Bennett Brown.

Honorary pallbearers are Bud Rainey, Jim Berry and Grayson Moss.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital at www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/donate or to MS Society at www.nationalmssociety.org/donate

Cemetery Details

I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
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<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Graveside Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

I.O.O.F. Cemetery
850 N. Main St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I knew Bob when I was a graduate student '70-'75. I remember him as always happy and always up for a game of ping pong which he was very good at. I'm sad to hear of his passing.

John Benson

John Benson - March 20, 2018 at 06:59 PM

RM

“ Yes, I remember Bob playing table-tennis in the basement of the Space Science Building. He really was a gentleman. I'm sure he is sharing a new better life.

René A. Medrano-B. Ph. D. 1973

René A. Medrano-B. - March 20, 2018 at 06:31 PM

MS

“ During the 1970's I knew Bob at Rice when he was in charge of the electronic and mechanical parts store at the Dept of Space Physics and Astronomy. Whenever I needed to go down from the 4th floor to get some parts for some equipment I was building, we would throw a few games of darts as an essential part of the transaction. In retrospect I wish that I had talked more with him about things going on in his life, but being the genuinely good man he was, just sharing the time with him was just plain fun. It's probably too obscure for most, but I still use his term "capacitator". I'm grateful to have shared a small part of your life, Bob.

-Mike Stewart

*Principal Research Engineer, Univ of Alabama, Huntsville
Owner, Thunderstorm Technology*

Mike Stewart - March 20, 2018 at 04:32 PM

PR

“ *Bob was a terrific Rice University employee in the Space Science department. He was always cheerful, competent, and compassionate. What a joy to have known and worked with him. Our condolences to his family, but what a wonderful life lived well!*

Patricia Reiff - March 20, 2018 at 04:20 PM

CR

“ *Sgt. Hirt was my first First Sergeant in the 60th Communications Squadron at Dreux Air Base in 1957 and 1958. I was 18 years old. I particularly remember him, dripping wet, at the squadron 'Dunk Your First Sergeant' booth at an Air Force Association charity event on the base. His WWII photo looks exactly like he did when he was our First Sergeant. I happened to think of my time at Dreux today, and thought of him. He was the best, and I'm glad he had such a long life. RIP, Sgt. Hirt.*

Cris - August 11, 2017 at 03:31 PM

CB

“ *To the Dyes family - we loved Grandpa - he was such a wonderful man and lived life at the fullest - he will be missed - Love The Blake's*

Connie Blake - March 29, 2017 at 07:10 AM

CB

“ *Connie Blake lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Hirt*



Connie Blake - March 29, 2017 at 07:09 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert L. Hirt.*



March 26, 2017 at 08:44 PM



“ *Madeline McGartlin lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Hirt*



Madeline McGartlin - March 24, 2017 at 12:12 PM



My thoughts and prayers go out to Hirt family. Your sweet father/ grandfather was a wonderful man and I know he will be truly missed.

Madeline McGartlin - March 24, 2017 at 12:17 PM



My heart goes out to his two daughters. He was a great father and friend to many.

Sherry Dieckmann - April 09, 2017 at 08:05 PM