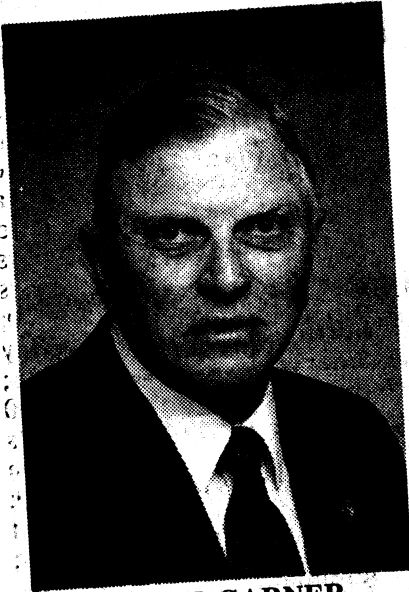


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JACK GARNER

Mr. Jack Garner, age 88, was born February 4, 1914, in Cameron, to Vernon and Etta Lively Garner. Mr. Garner entered into eternal rest on February 2, 2003, at East Texas Medical Center-Crockett two days short of his 89th birthday.

Mr. Garner moved with his family to Houston County in 1917. Mr. Garner attended public school and graduated from Crockett High School in 1934. In 1936, he married Virginia Beall of Rusk and started a family. Mr. Garner volunteered for service in the United States Navy during World War II, serving with the Amphibious Assault Forces in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Garner returned to Crockett after the war to raise his family. Mr. Garner was active in community affairs, where he served as presidents of the Crockett Quarterback Club, the Crockett Band Parents Association, and supported the various school activities of his children. Mr. Garner was an active member of the Crockett Lions for almost 50 years having served as Lions Club President and was the annual Chili Supper Chairman for many years. Mr. Garner was a Thirty Second Degree Mason and a member of the Lothrop Lodge #21 for 64 years. Mr. Garner served as President of the Houston County Wildlife Association and long time member of the National Rifle Association. As an avid outdoor sportsman he took great pride in breeding, training, and selling registered Pointer bird dogs.

Like many of his generation, Mr. Garner possessed and outstanding work ethic. Mr. Garner was active in the grocery and meat market business. Later he changed careers working for the United States Post Office for 24 years and retiring as assistant Postmaster of the Crockett Office.

Mr. Garner was known and loved for his sense of humor and gift of gab. Mr. Garner never met a stranger and treasured the friendship of people from all walks of life. Mr. Garner took pride in his meticulously maintained vegetable garden and was very generous in sharing its produce with his friends and neighbors.

Mr. Garner and his wife were charter members of Crockett's Central Baptist Church when it was founded in 1949. Mr. Garner served his beloved church as a deacon for more than 45 years. Mr. Garner taught youth and adult Sunday school classes, and most recently, was class member and former teacher of the men's Victory Bible Class. Mr. Garner had also been a faithful member of the church choir.

Preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Virginia Beall Garner; parents Vernon and Etta Garner; brother Roy Garner; sisters Verna Maude Leaverton Thompson and Zona Dawson Hickey.

Survivors include his four sons and their families: Dr. Billy Jack Garner and wife Laura, of Houston; granddaughters Dr. Jennifer Garner, of Houston Julie and husband Dr. Donald Martin, of Charleston, SC.; and great-granddaughters Allison, Ana, and Olivia Martin, of Charleston, SC.; James Garner, R.ph. and wife Delois, of Denton; granddaughter Jane Garner, of Denton; grandson James Gregory Garner, of Dallas; and great-granddaughter Siobhan Stolz, of Pa.; Dr. John Garner and wife Debbie, of Crockett; grandsons Joel Garner, of Austin, Jonathan Garner, of Crockett; granddaughter Jillian Garner, of Crockett; Reverend Jerald Garner and wife Andrea, of Denton; granddaughters Christy Garner, of Dallas, Kelley Garner, of Waco; grandson Jeffery Garner, of Denton; sister Marjory Britton and husband Doug, of Missouri City; sister-in-law Eva Ruth Williams, of Lufkin; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services for Mr. Jack Garner were held Wednesday, February 5, at 10:30 a.m. in the Central Baptist Church with the Rev. John Goss and Mr. Rick Kelley officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Gideon Memorial Bible Fund, P.O. Box 1005, Crockett, TX. 75835.

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