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**DR. M.C. HARKINS**

Dr. M.C. "Max" Harkins, age 78, of Crockett, passed away Friday, May 11, 2001 in the East Texas Medical Center Crockett. Dr. Harkins was born Oct. 25, 1922 in Kennard to James Marcus and Clara Harrison Harkins. He spent most of his childhood in the Kennard and Groveton area. Dr. Harkins graduated from Groveton High School and attended Sam Houston State University and received a degree in music. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served as Lieutenant J.G. in World War II on the destroyer escort ship USS Goselin. While in midshipmen school in New York City, he married Jane Watson on Nov. 24, 1943. After the war, he enrolled at Texas A&M University in College Station, where he received a degree in veterinary medicine. After graduation from Texas A&M, he spent a short time in practice in Arkansas but decided that East Texas was the place to be. They moved back to Crockett and established the Crockett Veterinary Hospital where he practiced until his retirement in 1955.

Dr. Harkins, along with a long time friend, the late John Buckley, established the Crockett Veterinary Supply, which is still in operation. After retirement, he enjoyed spending more time with his family and his red Limousin cattle. Dr. Harkins was a member of the American Veterinary Association, a long time member, trustee, deacon, and elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Crockett. He served on the Crockett ISD School Board and the Houston County Appraisal District Board. He was awarded several awards from the Houston County 4-H Club for his time and contributions and also received awards from the Houston County Land Owners Association.

Survivors include wife of 57 years, Jane Watson Harkins of Crockett; daughter, Kathy Rains and husband, Mike of Crockett; sons, Tracy Harkins and wife, Peggy of Crockett, and Randy Harkins and wife, Vicki of Spring; grandchildren, John Marcus Harkins of Lufkin, Trey Neal Rains of Huntsville, Tara Lee Johnson and husband, John of Beaumont, James Allan Harkins of Spring; Tommy Hayes of Crockett, and Jason Kyle Harkins of Spring; sister, Marie Kee and husband, Leland of Angleton; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Dr. Harkins was preceded in death by his parents Marcus and Clara Harkins.

Funeral services for Dr. Harkins were held Monday, May 14 at 2 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Rod Peacock officiating. Interment followed in the Corinth Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or the American Heart Association.  
**Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**