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Mr. Smith W. Hartley, age 17 of La Marque, passed away March 27 at his residence. Mr. Hartley was born Dec. 12, 1911, in Crockett. He was employed for 35 years by Farmers Marine Copper Works of Galveston as a sales engineer. He was a member and past master of Harmony Masoine Lodge #6 in Galveston, a member of Lothrop Masonic Lodge #21 in Crockett, past district deputy grand master district #31B 1990, member and past high priest of San Felipe De Austin Charter #1, Royal Arch Masons Galveston, member and past thrice illustrious master of Galveston Council #16, royal and select masters Galveston, 32nd degree member Scottish Rite Bodies Galveston, member of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine member of the Royal Order of Scotland, recipient of Golden Trowel award in 1998, San Felipi De Austin Charter #1, a member of the Miztah Chapter #2 order of Easter Star, former member of the LaMarque Police Auxiliary and a member of First Christian Church of Texas City.

Survivors include wife LaVerla Hartley of La Marque; daughters Elizabeth Markovich and husband Marko of Galveston, Sue Willis and husband Alfred of Hitchcock, Fave Trevino and husband Jose of Texas City; sons Smith W. Hartley, Jr. and wife Ernestine of Zachary, La., J.C. Hartley and wife Carroll of Galveston, Harry Hartley and wife Judy of Texas City; sister Alma Norman of Chattanooga, Tn.; stepson Donald Horton and wife Sheri of Tavernier, Fl.; stepdaughter Peggy Horton of Texas City; twenty-two grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services for Mr. Hartley were held March 30 at the First Christian Church of Texas City with Dr. Wes Morgan officiating. Interment followed at Galveston Memorial Park in Hitchcock.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to: Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Dallas, Shrine Burn Hospital of Galveston or the First Christian Church of Texas City.

Pallbearers were members of the Masonic Lodge.

James Crowder Funeral Home