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ROBERT JAMES MCMURREY

Mr. Robert James McMurrey, Jr. age 79 of Tyler passed away Monday, March 13, 2000 at his residence. Mr. McMurrey was born August 21, 1920 in Lovelady and had been a lifetime resident of Tyler. He attended Tyler schools and was a graduate of Culver Military Academy in Culver, In.

Mr. McMurrey also attended the University of Texas where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He served as a flight instructor in the United States Air Force during World War II and returned to Tyler in 1945 to begin his career as an independent oil and gas operator as well as pursuing interests in ranching and timber.

Mr. McMurrey was a member of the First Baptist Church in Tyler, the Southwest Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, the Willow Brook Country Club, the Texas Rose Festival Association and the Order of the Rose.

Survivors include wife Julia Faye McMurrey of Tyler; son Robert James McMurrey, III and wife Barbara McGowan McMurrey of Valley View; daughters Julia McMurrey, Betty McMurrey Barrett of Tyler and Amy McMurrey of Dallas; granddaughter Luci Mimms and husband Nathan of Tyler, Claire McMurrey Barrett of Tyler and Anne Elizabeth McGowan McMurrey of Valley View; sister Eugenia McMurrey Moran of Wichita Falls, numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mr. McMurrey was preceded in death by parents Robert J. and Lucille Mainer McMurrey; sister Anne McMurrey Swanson and daughter Martha Jill McMurrey.

Memorial services for Mr. McMurrey, were held Wednesday, March 15 at the First Baptist Church in Tyler with Dr. Michael Massar officiating. A private family graveside was held at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, 301 W. Ferguson, Tyler, 75702 or to the Northeast Texas Alzheimer's Association, 3613 S. Broadway, Tyler 75701.

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