

JACK SHARP

Mr. Jack Sharp, a resident of Opelousas, died Thursday night, Feb. 1, 2001 at the Senior Village nursing home after a short illness. He was born on Oct. 29, 1908 in Crockett to Leonard Hampton (Stell) Sharp and Elizabeth Spence Sharp. He was the fifth of seven children. He attended and graduated from Crockett High School. He moved to Houston with his brother, Frank Sharp, and where he attended business school. He later went to work for Gulf Oil Corporation. He was assigned to Louisiana by Gulf Oil and there he met young Helen Cormier of Port Barre, La. They were married on Jan. 7, 1934. He became a partner in Cormier Motors, Inc. and was part of the corporation until it was sold in 1970. He was very involved in community service having served as a member and president of the Kiwanis Club of Opelousas, a member and president of the Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Man of the Year of Opelousas in 1955. He became a member of the Masonic Lodge in 1952 achieving the title of Worshipful Master and eventually became a Shriner. He was a veteran of World War II, and a 34 year member of the American Legion. He was a member of the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church and the Methodist Church and the Methodist Men's Club and was listed in "Who's Who in the Methodist Church" in 1969. He was also instrumental in the building of the Inn of Opelousas, and served as president of the building committee. He was a charter member of O.G.H.'s Life's Champions program. A member and past president of A.A. R.P. and the Heart Club. He was loved by many and highly

respected by all who came in contact with him. He was a man of integrity and dignity. It was a well known fact that most important things in life were his wife and family. His family would like to express their appreciation to the nurses and staff of Opelousas General Hospital and Senior Village for their compassion and kindness, they also wish to express their sincere thanks to the Rev. Dale Hersarling for his support and wisdom.

Mr. Sharp is survived by his wife of 67 years, Helen Cormier Sharp; two children, a son, J.C. Sharp and his wife Norma of Lafayette, and a daughter, Jackie Griffin, and her husband, Richard of Opelousas. The grandfather of five, Cyndi Vidrine and her husband, Tony of Opelousas, Jeannene Duhon and her husband Cornell of Woodstock, Ga., Brad Nezat and his wife, Dena of Praireville, La. and Steven Nezat and wife, Amy of Opelousas; and the step grandfather of two, Mary Louise Bonadona and her husband Vinnie of New Orleans, and Richard Kuntz of Covington. He leaves behind six great-grandchildren, Amanda and Nick Vidrine, Chelsea and Amber Nezat, Carmin Nezat, and Tory Duhon; and five step-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews both in Louisiana and Texas.

Mr. Sharp is pre-deceased by his parents, Leonard and Stell Sharp, and Elizabeth Spence Sharp; a son, Paul Andrew Sharp; three brothers, Leonard, Frank, and Wert Sharp; and three sisters, Martha S. Meek, Laura S. Higginbotham, and Edna S. Little.

Funeral services were held at Louisiana Memorial United Methodist Church on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001 at 3 p.m. with the Rev. Dale Hersarling presiding.

Lanford Ardoin Funeral Home

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