



## Sam Harvard

December 13, 1921 - January 5, 2013

Sammy Ray “Sam” Harvard, 91, a longtime resident of Corsicana, Texas and Kermit, Texas, passed away on Saturday, January 5, 2013 in Driftwood, Texas with loved ones by his side. Sam was born on December 13, 1921 in Navarro, Texas to Sam Forrest Harvard and Carrie Bressie Harvard, and was the youngest of four children. He spent his entire childhood in Navarro and graduated as Valedictorian of the Class of 1939 at Navarro High School, prior to serving our Country in the United States Army Air Corps.

Upon completion of service in the military, Sam was recruited to play softball and to work for Gulf Oil Company. He accepted the offers and relocated to Kermit, Texas, where he began his oilfield career. He later resigned from Gulf Oil to begin his own oilfield service company, Harvard Construction Company. He took great pride in the fact that he provided numerous young men in West Texas with what they termed a “Harvard Education”. It was in Kermit that Sam met the love of his life, Emma Laura Pyeatt. Sam and Emma were married in Kermit on September 8, 1950. They were blessed with two daughters, Katherine Jeanne Harvard Sizemore and Susan Marie Harvard Gregory. Sam and Emma retired in 1987 and relocated to Corsicana, Texas, where Sam spent the majority of his time working on his ranch and proudly tending to his registered Brangus cattle and Quarter Horses. In addition, he spent many mornings and afternoons furthering his knowledge as a regular member of the “Whataburger Coffee Bunch”.

Sam was loved by many and continuously thought of others. One of his greatest joys was being able to provide for his family and friends. He was lovingly adored by his beautiful wife, Emma, their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was devoted to his family and his faith. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Corsicana.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Emma Harvard; parents; brother, Graham "Buck" Harvard; and sisters, Mary Smith and Martha Horn.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law Kathy and John Sizemore of Nocona, Texas, and Susie and Gary Gregory of Driftwood, Texas; grandchildren, Suzann and husband Todd Griffin of Midland, Texas, Julie and husband Jarret Davis of Nocona TX, Laura Gregory of Dallas TX, Rebecca Sizemore of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, April Kilpatrick of Driftwood, Texas, and Brooks Gregory of Austin, Texas; great-grandchildren, Jase Davis, Bodie Davis, Ava Davis, Miles Griffin, Graham Griffin, and SammyRay Kilpatrick.

Family visitation is scheduled from 6 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral Services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. B.F. Risinger and Rev. Benny Horn officiating. Interment will follow at Hopewell Cemetery in Navarro County.

Pallbearers will be family members Gene Horn, Tommy Horn, Benny Horn, David Smith, Jarret Davis, and Todd Griffin.

Honorary Pallbearers will include Bunk Bottoms, Jim Bronstad, Gene Bullard, Don Butler, Bill Carmack, Jimmy Dee Coker, Bill Crawford, Woody Dosser, Byron Engstrom, Roy French, Joe Glass, Darwin Green, David Hawk, Bill Honea, Larry Hutson, Jon Ed Ingham, Jay Justice, Tony Neal, Duane Nutt,

Roy Ragsdale, Tommy Ross, Jimmy Spencer, Glenn Stewart, Larry Talbert, Joe Bob Tekell and Monte Trimble.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any of the following: Jean's Downtown Men's Bible Class, 106 Main Street, Nocona TX 76255; First Baptist Church of Corsicana, 510 W. Collin Street, Corsicana, TX 75110; First Baptist Church of Kermit, 400 E. Bryan, Kermit TX 79745; The Alzheimer's Association; and/or The American Heart Association.

# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Cemetery

8400 SECR 2120  
Corsicana, TX 75109

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
info@griffin-roughton.com

## Service

JAN 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Harvard*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Holly Greer Dickie lit a candle in memory of Sam Harvard*



**Holly Greer Dickie** - January 16, 2013 at 04:52 PM



*When I was a little girl growing up in Kermit, Sam and Emma were my next door neighbors. Always loved them. They were both such good people. God bless their families left behind to cherish their memories.*

**Holly Greer Dickie** - January 16, 2013 at 04:54 PM



“ *Dear family,  
What a tribute to be lifelong friends with Sam, Emma, and the kids. Mom and Dad so loved them both, and he will be missed. I know Mom feels a part of her past is over since losing Daddy, and now her friend Sam. They will meet again in heaven and wont they be happy to be reunited ?  
Love to all,  
Karen Melton Shelton*

**Karen Shelton** - January 10, 2013 at 11:04 AM

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“ I had the priviledge of knowing Sam Harvard through my father in law who will be meeting him in heaven to catch up on their infamous Whataburger meetings. Sam was a very sweet, caring and loving man and I am truly blessed by having known him. May God be with you during this time and give you the strength and comfort you need. Keely and Joey Ward

Keely Ward - January 08, 2013 at 03:24 PM



“ Marla Wofford lit a candle in memory of Sam Harvard



Marla Wofford - January 07, 2013 at 10:36 PM



Prayers for the family. Sam, rest in peace my friend and rejoice with our heavily father. GOD BLESS!

Marla Wofford - January 07, 2013 at 10:42 PM

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Mr. Sam was a kind man. We have missed him since he moved from Corsicana and will miss him still.

Becky Thurston, First Baptist Church, Corsicana

Becky Thurston - January 08, 2013 at 10:40 AM