



George Wharton

May 8, 1927 - January 16, 2009

George W. Wharton, age 81, of Hot Springs Village passed away Friday, January 16, 2009 at a Hot Springs hospital.

He was born May 8, 1927 in Pueblo, Colorado to the late Ira F. and Annie Edmiston Wharton. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served his country from 1945 to 1947, and spent a year in Korea on occupation duty. George graduated from Colorado School of Mines with a degree in engineering. He was employed by the Magnolia Petroleum Company, which was a part of the Mobil Oil Corporation for 34 years, where he worked as a Petroleum Refining Engineer. Most of his career was at the Beaumont, Texas refinery. For the last 3 years he was in charge of operator training in Singapore, and Yanbu of Saudi Arabia, retiring in 1985. He was a member of the Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church, the Village Genealogical Society, the HSV Computer Club, the HSV Concerts Association, and part of the DeSoto Square Dancers. George was also a former member of the HSV Roadrunner RV Club, and the HSV Camera Club.

He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret, and a step-daughter, Pamela Buford, of Shawnee, OK.

He is survived by a sister, Florence Pearce of Las Vegas, NV; a son, Jim Wharton of Beaumont, TX; and daughters, Leslie Lenhart of Mesquite, TX,

Bonnie Easton and her husband, Mike of Garland, TX, and Carolyn Smith and her husband, Frank Smith of Austin, TX. He is also survived by a step-son, Bruce Cozad and his wife, Wendy of Traverse City, MI, as well as 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00p.m., on Sunday, January 18, 2009 at the Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church with Reverend Mike Morey officiating.

Interment will be in CedarVale Cemetery.

The family respectfully requests in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church, 700 Balearic Road, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas 71909.