



# **John Thomas O'Neal**

**Dec 2, 1868 - Feb 24, 1955**

**J. T. O'Neal Dies Early Thursday** J. T. O'Neal, 86, died early Thursday morning following an illness of two months. Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 2 p. m. from the Corley Chapel. Burial will be in the [Pattison cemetery](#) at Emhouse. The rites will be conducted by Dr. W. M. Shamburger, pastor of the First Baptist church. Born December 2, 1868, in Georgia. O'Neal came to Kellum, now Emhouse, in 1886, and resided in that community until moving to Corsicana a few years ago. He was a retired farmer and cotton buyer. Surviving are his wife of Corsicana. to whom he was married, December 14, 1893; four daughters, Mrs. Will Sharpley, Mrs. Archie Tinkle, Mrs. E. I. Steen, all of Corsicana, and Mrs. Tommy Campbell, Dallas; two sons, G. R. O'Neal, Fort Stockton, and W. C. O'Neal, Corsicana; a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relatives. Pallbearers will be Cosby Steen, Joe Steen. Bill Sharpley, Ben Sharpley, J. T. Hatley and Walter Farmer, grandsons.

- [The Corsicana Daily Sun](#) - Thursday, February 24, 1955

# Nannie Ophelia (Owen) O'Neal

Nov 18, 1874 - Jul 12, 1961

July 14, 1961

Mrs. J. T. O'Neal

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Mrs. J.T. O'Neal Dies Wednesday, Rites Thursday Mrs. J. T. O'Neal, 86, native of Mississippi, but resident of Navarro County since childhood, died Wednesday morning following 2 1-2 years illness. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. from the Corley Chapel with burial in the Pattison cemetery. The rites will be conducted by Rev. Robert Woody, pastor of the First Baptist church, of which she was a member. Mrs. O'Neal came to Navarro County with her family when seven years of age. They traveled in a wagon train and settled in northwest Navarro County near Emhouse. She had made her home in Corsicana for the past 10 years. Surviving are two sons, George R. O'Neal, Fort Stockton, and W. C. (Bud) O'Neal, Corsicana; three daughters, Mrs. Will Sharpley, Corsicana; Mrs. Archie Tinkle, Amarillo, and Mrs. Tommie Campbell, Dallas; 17 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren; a brother, Judge R. R. Owen, Corsicana, and other relatives. Pallbearers will be Roy Bristow, Noel D. Hook, Artis Drain, Swint Huling, Alvin Owen, Ralph Chaney, Monroe Hurley and Frank Dickson.

- [The Corsicana Daily Sun](#) - Wednesday, July 12, 1961

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# **Ada Kate O'Neal**

Mar 18, 1902 - Jan 16, 1931

**VICTIM GAS BLAST BURIED AT EMHOUSE SATURDAY MORNING** Funeral services for Miss Ada Kate O'Neal, 26, employee of the American Well & Prospecting Co. for a number of years, who met death Friday morning about 7:30 o'clock when an explosion of a stove ignited the W. M. Wilson home, corner North Fifteenth street and West Fourth Avenue, where she had an apartment, were held at Emhouse Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Her charred body was discovered by firemen after the blaze had been practically extinguished. It had been thought that she had already left the house. She was well known here, and was an active member of Corsicana Business and Professional Women's Club. Residents of that section were startled by the blast that knocked windows out of the Wilson home and shook houses in the vicinity. The body was taken to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. O'Neal at Emhouse Friday afternoon. The funeral was held from the Emhouse Baptist church with interment in the [Pattison Cemetery](#). The services were conducted by Rev. P. Martin Baker, pastor of the Third Avenue Presbyterian church in Corsicana. Active pallbearers were Ernest Newman, Ed Rittersbacher, Elmer Rittersbacher, Elliott Johnson, Pete Hook, Roy Bristow and M. J. W. Baker. The Sutherland Funeral Home had charge of the funeral.

- Corsicana Semi Weekly Light Jan 20, 1931

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## **BLAST KILLS YOUNG WOMAN**

### **EXPLOSION RESULTS DEATH MISS O'NEAL W. M. WILSON HOME**

### **BODY IS BURNED BEYOND RECOGNITION; FUNERAL SATURDAY, EMHOUSE**

Miss Ada Kate O'Neal, aged 26, lost her life in a fire that followed, and explosion in the home of W. M. Wilson, at the intersection of West Fourth avenue and North Fifteenth street, about 7:30 Friday morning.

Residents of that section of Corsicana were awakened and aroused by a blast that threw glass from the damaged house across the street and which shook houses for several blocks. City Patrolman Marion Griffin had halted for a stop signal at the intersection of Third and Fifteenth and saw flames shoot from almost every window in the house.

**Assist People From House.**

He ran to the Wilson house shouting to some of the members of the family of Dr. J. W. Bergin across the street from the fire, to turn in the alarm. He was joined by one of the neighbors and immediately they assisted Mr. and Mrs. Wilson from the flaming house, and when they were assured there was no one else in the house, closed all openings possible to prevent spread of the flames.

Patrolman Griffin said after the fire that he started into the room in which Miss O'Neal's body was found, but the room was a mass of flames and having been assured that no one else was in the house did not enter because he feared that the flames would spread to other rooms more rapidly.

The flames were soon extinguished and a majority of the furniture removed from the house undamaged except for a small amount of water. Fire Chief Keith estimated damage to the house at \$2500 with \$7500 insurance and loss on the furniture at \$1,000 with insurance of \$3,000.

## BLAME LEAKING HOSE

Extensive investigations made during and following the fire, have led fire department officials to believe that a leaking rubber hose connection allowed the room to fill with gas overnight, and it exploded when Miss O'Neal started to light a fire on arising early Friday morning. The gas had been turned off at a small heater but not at a wall opening. A thorough test for other leaks in gas lines failed to disclose and other cause for the blast.

Miss O'Neal was born and reared in the Emhouse community, but had made her home in Corsicana for several years, and recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. She had been employed in the office of the American Well and Prospecting company for several years, and had an enviable reputation for initiative and efficiency. She was a member of the Corsicana Business and Professional Womens Club.

Funeral Saturday.

Her body was carried to the Sutherland Funeral Home, where it was prepared for burial, and then taken to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. O'Neal at Emhouse, about 3 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Funeral service will be held from the First Baptist Church in Emhouse Saturday morning at 10 o'clock with interment in [Pattison Cemetery](#).

Surviving are her parents; two brothers, George and "Bud," both of Emhouse; and three sisters, Mrs. Tommie Hatley of Dallas; Mrs. Evridge Steen and Mrs. Will Sharpley, both of Emhouse.

Justice of the Peace J. L. Cox viewed the body and returned a coroner's verdict of death by burning, accidental.

- [The Corsicana Daily Sun](#) - Friday, Jan 16, 1931

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## John Thomas O'Neal

Apr 27, 1927 - Nov 18, 1927

### EMHOUSE

Special to the Sun.

Emhouse, Texas, Nov. 24. —The death Angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. O'Neal Friday morning, November 18, at 2:30 o'clock and took from them their baby boy. He had been the light and joy of their home for only seven short months. He had been ill nearly two weeks when he suddenly became seriously stricken. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock at the Methodist Protestant Church, conducted by Rev. M. Lamb, pastor of the church. Burial took place in the [Pattison Cemetery](#). A host of loving and grief stricken relatives and friends following little John Thomas to his last resting place.

[The Corsicana Daily Sun](#) - Thursday, November 24, 1927



# Susan Anna (Herren) Owen

Feb 5, 1848 - Feb 1, 1929

February 1, 1929

**Mrs. Susan A. Owen, 80, Of Emhouse Is Dead**

CORSICANA, Texas, Feb. 1. - Mrs. Susan A. Owen, 80, native of Mississippi but resident of Navarro County for forty-six years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kate Richards, at Emhouse, Friday morning and the funeral was conducted Friday afternoon from the Baptist Church at Emhouse, with burial in the [Pattison Cemetery](#). Surviving are two sons, R. R. Owen of Corsicana and G. G. Owen of Emhouse; for daughters, Mrs. Bettie Barlow of Roane, Mrs. Julia DeRusha, Mrs. Nannie O'Neal ~~Mattie O'Neill~~ and Mrs. Kate Richards, all of Emhouse; forty-odd grandchildren, twenty-odd great-grandchildren and one brother, R. W. Herren, Haskell County.

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# Dixie Dowling Owen

1912 - Jun. 27, 1941

## DIXIE OWEN WAS BURIED SUNDAY IN PATTISON CEMETERY

Funeral services for Dixie Owen, aged 29 years, who died in a Silver City, N. M., hospital Friday morning from gunshot wounds received Thursday, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Corlev chapel. Burial was in [Pattison cemetery](#) near Emhouse. The rites were conducted by Rev. Van P. Morrison, Methodist minister of Newcastle, former pastor of the Emhouse Methodist church. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Owen, five brothers Clyde Owen, Emhouse, Sam Owen, Waxahachie; George Owen, Emhouse, Bob Owen, California, and Alvin Owen, Waxahachie; four sisters, Miss Clara Belle Owen, Mrs. Charlie Johnson, Mrs. O. L. Elkins and Mrs. Swint Huling, all of Emhouse, and other relatives. Pallbearers were Clifton Johnson, Artie Drain, Dave McNeill, George Richards, W. C. O'Neal and I. E. Perry.

*(Bud's close friend and cousin)*

- [The Corsicana Daily Sun](#) - Monday, June 30, 1941

# George Garrett "Dick" Owen

Jan 28, 1867 - Jul 10, 1941

## G.G. OWEN BURIED PATTISON CEMETERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Funeral services for G. G. Owen, aged 74 years, prominent Emhouse resident for a half century, who died Thursday afternoon, were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Sutherland-McCammon chapel. Burial was in the [Pattison cemetery](#) near Emhouse. The rites were conducted by Rev. Van P. Morrison, Methodist minister of Newcastle, assisted by Rev. W. B. Morton, pastor of the Methodist church at Emhouse. Masons had charge of the services at the grave, A native of Mississippi, Owen came to Texas when 12 years of age, and had lived most of that time in the Emhouse vicinity. He was county commissioner a number of years ago and was prominent as a banker, merchant, ginner and farmer, and served as president of the Emhouse State Bank for a number of years. Surviving are his wife of Emhouse, five sons, Clyde and George Owen, both of Emhouse; Sam and Alvin Owen, both of Waxahachie, and Bob Owen, Los Angeles; four daughters, Miss Clara Bell Owen, Mrs. O. L. Elkins, Mrs. Charles Johnson and Mrs. Swint Huling, all of Emhouse; a brother, R. R. Owen, Corsicana; four sisters, Mrs. J. T. O'Neal, Mrs. Albert Richards and Mrs. Julia DeRusha all of Emhouse, and Mrs. Bettie Barlow, Corsicana; ten grandchildren, and other relatives. Pallbearers were Wade Smith, Alvin Lane, Tom Worthington, C. B. Turner, Dick Dixon and O. F. Wetzel.

*(Uncle Dick)*

- [The Corsicana Daily Sun](#) - Saturday, July 12, 1941

# Judge Robert Ross Owen

February 19, 1879 – December 9, 1965

R. R. Owen, 86, Dies Thursday, Rites Friday  
Judge R. R. Owen, 86, long time attorney and active in politics many years, 1120 West Fifth avenue, died Thursday morning following an extended illness. Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. from the Corley Chapel with burial in Oakwood cemetery. The rites will be conducted by Rev. Robert J. Potts, pastor of the First Baptist church, of which he was a long-time member, Sunday School teacher and choir member. Born Feb. 19, 1879 in Hines County, Miss., he came to Navarro county 80 years ago in an ox-wagon train from Mississippi.

After teaching school several years, he studied law and was admitted to the bar. He served as Navarro county judge from 1912-1916 and broke a tie-vote in 1915 among the county commissioners to establish the old Physicians and Surgeons hospital on the site that is now Twilight Home in southeast Corsicana. He had his law offices in the Daily Sun Building from 1917 until failing health required he give up practice.

Judge Owen served several terms as a Representative from Navarro county in the Texas Legislature and headed the draft board in World War I. He was secretary and a leader in the Navarro county Democratic executive committee and party for many years.

Surviving are a son, Robert Owen, Corsicana; three grand-children, six great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Nephews will be pallbearers.

- Corsicana Semi Light - Dec 10, 1965

## NAVARRO COUNTY JUDGES

### ROBERT ROSS OWEN, 1912 - 1916

Born February 9, 1879 in Hinds County, Mississippi, Judge Owen came to Corsicana about the turn of the century. An authority on real-estate titles, he and his wife, Lillie, lived at 1120 West Fifth Avenue. His office was in the old Daily Sun building. He died December 9, 1965 and is buried in the [Oakwood Cemetery, Corsicana](#) (Section O, Row 1). A son, Robert, still lives in the family home.



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# William Causby "Bud" O'Neal

September 16, 1915 – March 10, 1991

## **W.C. "Bud" O'Neal**

W.C. "Bud" O'Neal, 76, of Corsicana, died March 10, 1991 at his residence.

Services will be at 3 p.m. today at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home with the Rev. B.F. Risinger Jr. officiating. Burial will be at Pattison Cemetery.

He was the past master, Corsicana Masonic Lodge #174, and a 1938 graduate of Texas A&M University.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie O'Neal of Corsicana; two sons, Bill O'Neal of Carthage; Mike O'Neal of Carrollton; one daughter, Judy Smith of Friendswood; two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Sharpley and Mrs. Ann Tinkle, both of Corsicana; eight grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Bill Sharpley, Ben Sharpley, Dan Sharpley, George W. O'Neal, Buddy Feild, Andy Feild, Richard D. Salter, Oran Coker Jr., Johnny M. Chirafis, and Cosby Steen.

Honorary pallbearers will be Kenneth "Buck" Douglas, Arlon Simmons, Homer McNabb, Roy Hughes, John Nelson, Walter Young, Louis Sills, and Travis K. Knight.

TO MY FAMILY:

When my father became ill and after a couple of months or so (which included surgery and a rest home) I took a vow to myself that I would never allow myself to become a burden to my family.

Recently my health problems have worsened. For 22 long years I've lived with and tried to win my battle with this heart problem. It appears that I have lost this fight. This causes me to remember the above vow.

I love each of you with all my heart. I've done my dead level best where each of you have been concerned. Do not mourn my demise.

My fate is now in the hands of GOD. My Faith in Him is still strong. May He have mercy on my soul.

With everlasting love to each of you.

W. C. O'Neal



# Biography

W.C. "Bud" O'Neal was born in 1915 at a farmhouse two miles east of Emhouse, Texas. The last of eight children, Bud moved with his family to "the big house" on the outskirts of Emhouse, where he attended school and the First Baptist Church. He worked at his father's farm and cotton gin, was a star basketball, baseball and track player for the Emhouse Pirates, and graduated from EHS in 1933. He worked his way as a <sup>waiter</sup> cook through Texas A&M, receiving a B.S. in 1939. He went to work for A&M, eventually becoming State Bee Inspector. While traveling for A&M he dated Jessie Standard of Lampasas, and the second time he saw her they were engaged. Married in 1940, they celebrated 50 years together. They had three children: Bill (1942), Judy (1944), and Mike (1952). Bud served in the U.S. Army during World War II, worked in the Soil Conservation Service, owned a farm retail store for a quarter of a century, and worked as an inspector for A&M. He spent most of his adulthood in Corsicana, where he was active in Masonry and community affairs.

# Jessie Lucille (Standard) O'Neal March 11, 1918 – May 24, 2002

As we celebrate the life of **Jessie Standard O'Neal**, we thought it would be appropriate to relate some things about her early life that might be of interest, especially to her longtime Corsicana friends and in-laws who met her after she moved here as a young bride.

She was the 6<sup>th</sup> of 8 children.

She was named after her grandfather, Jess Standard, a cowboy who drove cattle up the Chisholm Trail from Lampasas County in the 1870s.

Her father was the fire chief in Lampasas, so she grew up in the fire house.

He trained and sold horses on the side, so she had her own pony from the time she was a little girl. She stopped riding when she was in her mid-30s, but when she was 75, she insisted on riding a spirited young quarter horse {tongue-in-cheek} that I owned. I helped her up and gave her the reins, but gosh, I was worried she might fall off and hurt herself, so I held the bridle and stayed close. Well. She {indignantly} said to me, "Get your hands OFF my horse and let me ride"!

As a little girl she was a live wire, a real ball of energy, so in self-defense her mother started her in the first grade at the age of 5!

She took dance lessons as a young girl and later taught tap, and continued to do shuffle steps until just a couple of years ago.

As a young lady she loved to dance and party, and later she enjoyed watching Lawrence Welk on TV, because several times she had danced to his little band early in his career.

She learned to swim at a spring-fed pool in Lampasas. This park was called the Hostess House, and there was a bath house by the pool, with a slightly slanted roof. She and her daredevil friends would climb up on this roof, and delighted in jumping off the roof into the pool! (And they had to run to make the jump, as there was some distance between the edge of the roof and the pool.)

At Lampasas High School she had a great time as a cheerleader and editor of the school newspaper. In fact, she had such an enjoyable senior year that she deliberately flunked her best subject, English, so that she could have a SECOND senior year with the kids of her age (she had started a year early!).

There was no money during the Depression for her to go off to college, so after her TWO senior years, she stayed at home, working for a power company and as a reporter for the Lampasas Leader.

After about three years of this she accepted a blind date with Bud O'Neal.

He was an Aggie who had gone to work after graduation as the state bee inspector for Texas A&M. He traveled constantly, and when he worked bee hives in Lampasas he participated in this blind date with two other couples. Then he left town the next day, and Bud & Jessie had no contact for the next 5 months! No cards, no letters, and certainly no phone calls – people just didn't call long distance much in those days.

But in April 1940 he returned to Lampasas and called Jessie for another date, with those same two couples. Ten minutes into the date, they were in the back seat and he leaned over and whispered "Let's get married"! She said it scared her to death! About ten minutes later she said "Okay", and this scared him to death!

The other two couples spent the rest of the evening trying to talk 'em out of it, but they were SMITTEN with each other. {Mother always said that she fell in love with his "crooked smile", the very first night.}

Amid predictions of disaster, they were married the next NIGHT, and 50 years later they celebrated their Golden Anniversary!

Now, as soon as she married, Jessie quit her newspaper job to travel with her husband. They lived in hotels and ate in restaurants, and she did not cook or clean or make beds, ever, during this 2-year honeymoon! Then the day before their second anniversary I came along and the honeymoon was over!

She spent the rest of her life as a homemaker. She was utterly devoted to her family. She centered her life around us, but her love included nieces and nephews and in-laws, and later grandchildren, and even a great-granddaughter.

{Our friends were always included in this love as well.}

Then during more than a decade as a widow, she continued her sheer joy for life. She reveled in her role as family matriarch, and she was a lively and generous GRANNY O.

She loved gossip!

She liked to hear it, and she liked to share it, and she liked to analyze it. But really, she just wanted to know what was going on in the lives of her family and friends! That was her world!

She was the essence of tolerance – she tried to get along with everybody, and was a complete success.

But most of all, she was the embodiment of love. It was the overwhelming element of her nature. She extended love in full measure. She gave of herself constantly.

And now that she is gone, we will miss her love. But we will remember countless expressions of her sweet and loving nature.

When illness struck her last year, she faced it bravely, with her usual upbeat attitude, determined to make the best of this situation. She remained unfailingly pleasant and optimistic. She never complained.

A part of her positive nature was her lifelong religious faith – an unquestioning belief in God.

And a few weeks ago, with complete conviction, she declared, “I’m ready to go to heaven”.

My sister Judy was her daily caregiver in Lampasas for the last 10 months. {Later, MRO mentioned again Judy’s loving devotion and care for our mother, “if anybody ever repaid a parent for all they did for them, it’s Judy”, which prompted a spontaneous and well-deserved touching round of applause.}

Recently Judy and I were marveling over the way in which she reacted to this cruel, progressive disease.

We reflected that during our early years she had taught us a great deal about how to LIVE.

But during these past several months she taught us how to DIE -

with uncomplaining courage,

with serene dignity,

and with Christian grace.

BILL O’NEAL, May 27, 2002

# Susan "Ellen" (O'Neal) Sharpley

August 8, 1895 – December 27, 1991

MEMORIAL SERVICE

FOR

ELLEN O'NEAL SHARPLEY

Sunday, December 29, 1991 2:30 p.m.  
First Baptist Church, Corsicana, Texas

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| Prelude                                | Joy Williamson |
| Hymn No. 6 "Doxology"                  | Congregation   |
| Solo - "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"     | Bill Knighton  |
| Obituary & Scripture                   | R.F. Risinger  |
| Hymn No. 339 "It Is Well With My Soul" | Congregation   |
| Solo - "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings"  | Bill Knighton  |
| Message                                | Dan Sharpley   |
| Prayer                                 | June Clark     |
| Postlude                               | Joy Williamson |

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FALLBEARERS  
(Grandsons)

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Guy Neal Poarch   | Larry Prichard |
| Dan Sharpley, Jr. | Neal Knighton  |
| Robert Sprecher   | Clint Sharpley |
| Brent Sharpley    |                |

A TRIBUTE

Ellen O'Neal Sharpley

Today we come to celebrate the life of Ellen O'Neal Sharpley, a bright star in God's creation, who stayed positive and encouraging to the end. Among the last things she said was "Haven't we had a nice day." She never knew a stranger and was always truly interested in people. She loved her family, her community, her church, her Lord. She sought to live as an example to all whose lives she touched. The memory of her life, her words, her deeds, will linger in the lives of others and her influence will permeate generations yet to come.

We come today to honor her in death as we did in life. We feel sorrow in her passing, but joy in the sure knowledge that she has passed from death into life everlasting. We celebrate her life, her death, and her homegoing. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

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Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
And all that is within me,  
bless His Holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget none of His benefits;  
Who pardons all our iniquities;  
Who heals all our diseases;  
Who redeems our lives from the pit;  
Who crowns us with lovingkindness  
and compassion;  
Who satisfied our years with good things,  
So that our youth is renewed like the eagle.

Psalm 103:1-5 Paraphrased

# **Annie Laurie (O'Neal) Tinkle**

**(1904 - 2001)**

Annie Laurie O'Neal Tinkle, 96, of Corsicana passed away Friday, Jan. 26, 2001 in Corsicana.

Graveside services will be 4 p.m. today at Pattison Cemetery in Emhouse with the Rev. B.F. Risinger Jr. officiating.

Nephew Bill O'Neal gave the eulogy and, nephew Mike O'Neal sang "The Irish Blessing" and "The Flower That Shattered The Stone".

Mrs. Tinkle was born Sept. 23, 1904 in Emhouse to John T. and Nannie Owen O'Neal. She graduated from Emhouse High School with honors in 1923 and was married to Archie Tinkle in 1928. She was an artist whose work was exhibited in "one-man" showings in Corsicana, Dallas and Olton, where she won a number of prizes. In the mid 1950s she and Mrs. William T. (Jean) Shell collaborated and painted a historical mural of Corsicana, which is now displayed in the Corsicana Public Library Annex. In their mid-80s, she began hand-fashioning 19th Century doll clothes. These doll clothes won a State Fair of Texas blue ribbon. She was a charter member of First Baptist Church of Emhouse with present membership at First Baptist Church of Corsicana. Fondly called "Pete" by her family, she much preferred Ann. She devoted her life to nurturing and caring for her young family members and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and brothers and sisters, including: Ellen O'Neal Sharpley, George R. O'Neal, Herren O'Neal, Ada K. O'Neal, Maggie O'Neal Steen, Tommie O'Neal Campbell and W.C. O'Neal.

Mrs. Tinkle is survived by her sister-in-law, Jessie O'Neal of Corsicana, along with nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Corley Funeral Home.



# Herren “Loyd” Sharpley

October 28, 1922 - May 10, 1982



## **SHARPLEY, H. LOYD**

Sgt. H. Loyd Sharpley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Sharpley, Corsicana, graduate of Corsicana High School. Entered service 1941, trained with Marines in San Diego. Has served as Confidential Secretary of Headquarters Corps, on Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Guam, Iwo Jima for 30 months, now on duty at Alameda, California Naval Air Station.

# **Cosby E. Steen**

Oct 25, 1925 - Sep 22, 1998

Cosby E. Steen

Memorial services for Cosby E. Steen, 72, former Corsicana resident and Emhouse native, were held in Seattle, Wash. on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1998, with interment in the National Cemetery in Seattle.

A [1943](#) graduate of Corsicana High School, he graduated from Texas A&M following service in the Army Air Corps during [WWII](#). After employment as an engineer with the Texas Highway Department and the Alaska Highway Department, he served as Highway Commissioner for the State of Alaska from 1968-1970.

He was born in Emhouse on Oct. 25, 1925 to E. I. and Maggie P. Steen. He is survived by his wife, Betty; one son, David Steen of Seattle; two daughters, Dana Buss of Seattle and Angela McPherson of Denver, Colo.; one brother, Joe Steen of California; several grandchildren; and Corsicana relatives.

- [Corsicana Daily Sun](#), Sept 23, 1998



**STEEN, COSBY E.**

A/C Cosby E. Steen, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Steen, Corsicana. Graduated from Corsicana High School. Entered the Army Air Corps in 1943. Trained at Buckley Field, Kansas, State Teachers College and San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center. Is now on duty at Amarillo Army Air Field.



# Daniel Neal Sharpley

Feb. 14, 1918 - Oct. 10, 1999

Reverend Daniel Neal Sharpley, 81, formerly of Corsicana passed away Sunday, Oct. 10, 1999, at Pioneer Care Center.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Rosemeade Baptist Church in Carrollton. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park in Corsicana. Interment will be at [Resthaven Cemetery](#).

Honorary pallbearers will be Ted Dickson, Bob McDermitt, Myles Shockley, John Garmany, Preston Bennett and George Oaks.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home.

Mr. Sharpley, born Feb. 14, 1918, in Emhouse, grew up in Corsicana. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University in Waco and a bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He also attended Rice Institute in Houston.

Prior to missionary appointment in Brazil, he was pastor of Emhouse Baptist Church in Liberty and assistant pastor of First Baptist Church, also in Liberty. He served in the U.S. Navy during [World War II](#) and was stationed in Brazil as a naval attache. Mr. Sharpley married Doris Allred on May 10, 1946, in San Antonio.

Mr. Sharpley was preceded in death by his mother, Susan Ellen O'Neal Sharpley; father, Joseph William "Sweet" Sharpley; brother, Loyd Sharpley; and sister, Willie Sue Poarch.

Mr. Sharpley is survived by his wife of 53 years, Doris Sharpley of Carrollton; children, Daniel N. Sharpley Jr. and wife Cheryl of Los Altos, Calif.; Deanna Sue Nelson and husband Craig of North Bend, Wa.; Lucia Kay Sharpley of Carrollton; William B. Sharpley and wife Brenda of Carrollton; Robert L. Sharpley and wife Gayle of San Antonio; granddaughters, Lisa Vanscht and husband Filip of San Francisco Calif., Kristen Sharpley of Houston and Taryn Sharpley of Carrollton; and brothers and sisters, Ben Sharpley, Betty Knighton, Ruth Prichard, Bill Sharpley and Era Thompson.

His brothers Bill and Ben lovingly called him "Rev".

Arrangements by Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home.



## **SHARPLEY, DAN N.**

Lt. (jg) Dan N. Sharpley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Sharpley, Corsicana, graduate of Corsicana High School. Entered service, 1939, trained with Navy and was attached to the Washington Office of Naval Intelligence. Has served in Brazil, now on duty in Washington.

# **Doris Mae (Allred) Sharpley**

March 18, 1921 - December 7, 2008



**Doris Mae Allred Sharpley, 87, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, at Buena Vida Nursing Home in Odessa. Doris was born to Minnie Gertrude Owens and John Burnis Allred Sr. on March 18, 1921, in Waxahachie and grew up in Wichita Falls. She earned a B.S. degree from North Texas State College (University of North Texas) in Denton and a Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. She also attended Hardin College (now Midwestern University) in Wichita Falls. After marrying the love of her life, the Rev. Daniel Neal Sharpley, on May 10, 1946, she embarked with him on 35 years of Christian mission work in southern Brazil. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1948, the Sharpleys studied Portuguese in Rio de Janeiro, and then opened Baptist work in Santa Maria, a city in the interior of Brazil's southernmost state, Rio Grande do Sul. In 1963 they moved to Porto Alegre. In 1973 they moved to Rio de Janeiro where Doris was active in the local and statewide Women's Missionary Union. She was president and executive secretary of the state WMU in Rio Grande do Sul and associational president in Rio de Janeiro. She was also a member of the administrative board of the Religious Education Institute, acting as chairman of the fellowship house committee of this board — all while raising five active children. Retiring in 1984 they settled in Corsicana. Active members of First Baptist Church of Corsicana, they continued to share their love of Jesus Christ for many years after their retirement. They eventually relocated to Carrollton to be closer to family and were dedicated members of Rosemeade Baptist Church in Carrollton, with young people from the church providing round-the-clock care during difficult times. Doris loved time spent with family, and enjoyed playing a good game of Tri-Ominos, watching telenovelas (Brazilian TV serials), making creative meals, sewing custom garments, teaching china painting, and going to the beach at Ipanema. Hers was a life marked by service to others, purpose, and adventure. Preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, the Rev. Daniel Neal Sharpley in 1999, and by her three brothers and two sisters, Doris is survived by her children, Daniel Neal Sharpley and wife Cheryl of Los Altos, Calif., Deanna Sue "Susie" Nelson and husband Craig of Clarks Fork, Idaho, Lucia Kay Sharpley-Bowdish and husband Tom of Carrollton, William Burnis Sharpley and wife Brenda of Odessa, and Robert "Bobby" Louis Sharpley and wife Gayle of San Antonio; grandchildren, Lisa Sharpley Vanacht and husband Filip of Los Altos, Calif., Kristen Sharpley of New York, N.Y., Taryn Sharpley of Carrollton, and Emily Sharpley of Odessa; and great-grandchildren, Charlie Vanacht and Noelle Vanacht of Los Altos, Calif. The family would like to thank the staff of Buena Vida Nursing Home and Compass Hospice for their dedicated care and support. A graveside memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Resthaven Memorial Park, 5400 W. State Highway 31, Corsicana, with Dr. David Edwards, pastor of First Baptist Church, Corsicana, officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the International Mission Board, P.O. Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230-0767, with "Brazil Missions" designated. Arrangements by Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors, Odessa.**

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# **Joseph David Poarch**

Nov 15, 1947 - Dec 6, 2008



Joseph David Poarch, 61, passed away peacefully on Dec. 6, 2008 in Plano. He was born on Nov. 15, 1947 in Corsicana. He is preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Willie Sue Poarch; his wife, Ruth Ann Poarch; and his sister, Mary Cooper. Survivors include his sons, Brian Poarch and wife Ronda of Forney, and Jeff Poarch of Corinth; grandchildren, Alexis and Hunter Poarch; brother, Guy Neal Poarch and wife Patsy; niece, Pam Martin; nephews, Mike Poarch, Tom Cooper, and Greg Cooper; and his very close friend, Rhonda Burris. Visitation for Joseph Poarch will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Corley Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Corley Funeral Home. Interment will follow at [Oakwood Cemetery](#). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Bell Center for Early Intervention Programs, 1700 29th Court South, Birmingham, Alabama 35209. Arrangements by Corley Funeral Home.

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# **Ruth Ann (Bell) Poarch**

Nov 27, 1947 - Dec 13, 2000

Ruth Ann Poarch, 53, of Carrollton passed away Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000 in Carrollton.

Services will be 2 p.m. today at Corley Funeral Chapel with Dr. Jimmy Finley officiating. Interment will follow at [Oakwood Cemetery](#).

Pallbearers will be Rick Dodson, David Lamb, Jimmy McCarter, Guy Neal Poarch, Ross Schulle and Ron Williams.

Mrs. Poarch was born Nov. 27, 1947 in Corsicana to the late Joe and Ella Ruth Bell. She was a loving wife, mother, sister and friend with a heart of gold. She will be missed by countless people whose lives she touched. She leaves a wonderful legacy of love and courage to her family who so dearly loved her.

She is survived by her husband, David Poarch of Carrollton; son, Jeff Poarch of Carrollton; son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Ronda Poarch and their children Alexis and Hunter of Mesquite; and sister, Betty Bell of Birmingham, Ala.

Memorials may be made to the Service Guild Early Intervention Program, 1700 29th Court South, Birmingham, Ala. 35209.

Arrangements by Corley Funeral Home.

# **William Coy "Bill" Sharpley**

**January 8, 1930 – February 25, 2011**

**Billy Coy, the third son of "Sweet" and "Big Mama" - grew up in Corsicana, and then off to play football at Texas Tech (1948-52). Bill stayed in Lubbock, working as a carpenter, and then as a coach in New Deal and Tahoka. He married Jessie Lee in 1955, and started working with her in the Hair Salon business, dressed in a tuxedo. In the 60's, Bill became a stockbroker, and worked every day for 40 years. He spent his retirement years caring for Jessie Lee until her death in 2007.**

**Bill is survived by his twin sister, Bettye Joy Knighton & little brother, Ben Owen Sharpley. They are the greatest!**

**Two sons: Clint Sharpley of Dallas & Van Sharpley of Lubbock. Four Grandchildren: Jonathan, Jessica, Juliann, and Leighton.**

**Predeceased by his wife, Jessie Lee, and five brothers and sisters - Willie Sue Porch, Dan Sharpley, Era Chloe Sprecher Thompson, Loyd Sharpley, and Ruth Prichard.**

**Please send memorials to: The Downtown Bible Class, c/o First Baptist Church, 2201 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79401**

**Birth: Jan. 8, 1930**

**Death: Feb. 25, 2011**

**Tyler**

**Smith County**

**Texas, USA**

# George Wayne O'Neal

June 13, 1932 – September 2, 2014



George Wayne O'Neal, went home with God on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at OU Medical Trauma Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. George's Celebration of his life and a Memorial Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, September 13, at Lakewood Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 6509 Bosque Blvd., Waco, Texas.

George and his wife "Genie" O'Neal are former residents of Waco, Texas but currently reside in Medicine Park, Oklahoma. George was born in Emhouse, Texas June 13, 1932 to George Roy and Ora Gracy O'Neal . George spent his early years attending schools in Emhouse and Corsicana, Texas, later moving to Ft. Stockton, Texas. After serving the United States Army he attended Sul Ross University. He was proud to serve in the United States Army during the Korean War as a member of the Corp of Engineers. The tales he told of his experiences were typical George and he was in contact with his army buddies throughout his life.

He was a man of many talents having owned a service station at Lake Whitney, Texas for over 20 years, was a foreman during the building of Comanche Peak Nuclear Facility, and finally retiring from Chemical Lime, Clifton, Texas.

George was Mason for 46 years, his goal was to achieve 50 years. He was a member of John Armstrong #291, Valley Mills, Texas and Apache #223 in Apache, Oklahoma. He served as Past Master many times. He became a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, Waco Texas. In 1988, George became a Shriner and supported them and their hospitals. He was Recorder for Karem Shriners from 2003 to 2005. He belonged to the Karem Tumbleweeds, Texas T's, but his favorite was serving as Sultan of the Karem Oriental Band.

George is survived by his beloved wife "Genie" O'Neal, of Medicine Park, Oklahoma; his son, Ross O'Neal and partner, Tonya Wagoner, and their three wonderful daughters of Stanton, Texas; sister, Peggy Farmer of Dallas, Texas; Jack and Leah Stanley of Terrell, Texas; Jane and Tom Thompson of Lawton, Oklahoma; Judi and Johnny Spillman of Waco, Texas and John and Claire Stanley of Surfside Beach, South Carolina; his 10 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; niece, Susan Kheshtinejad of Duncanville, Texas, great-niece, Gracy; great-nephew Garrett; brother-in-law, David and Lori Moore, of Longview, Washington; and his large extended family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Houston Shriners Hospital.

June 13, 1932 - September 2, 2014

In Loving Memory Of  
**George O'Neal**

June 13, 1932 ~ September 2, 2014

**Celebration of Life**

2:00 p.m., Saturday, September 13, 2014  
Lakewood Christian Church Fellowship Hall

**Speaker**

Larry McDonald

George's life will be honored with Masonic Rights

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