



Jack Harris

June 29, 1916 - August 2, 2012

Jack Harris, who grew up in Cardiff and spent most of his life in Brookside, died August 2 in Gardendale. The son of the late Collins Pruitt Harris and Margaret "Maggie" Drucila Martin Harris, Jack began life on June 29, 1916 in the little coal mining town of Cardiff in northeast Jefferson County. He moved only three times in his life, once to nearby Brookside in 1951, to Summers Landing senior residence in Gardendale in December 2003, and to Covenant Place senior residence in Gardendale in 2011. His life's work was with Republic Steel in East Thomas as a millwright, and Carraway Hospital in maintenance. Although he retired from both, his life was much more than just the places he lived and worked. As the Great Depression waned, Julia Floreine Smith became a part of his life. The two were married in 1936, and celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary in May, 2012, shortly before her death. Another part of Jack and Floriene's lives was the family that survived them: daughter, Julia Faye Snow (Terry); son, Charles Terrell Harris (Brenda) of Gardendale; and son Raymond Lee Harris (Ruth) of Morris, along with seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Jack led an active life, physically and spiritually. He was first team forward for the Cardiff Red Raiders basketball team in the 1930s and was an outstanding pitcher for Cardiff and Brookside baseball teams in the 1930s and 40s. He was an accomplished golfer in his later life, with a certified hole-in-one as he approached 70 years of age. Jack was an active member in the Graysville Church of Christ as long as his health permitted and enjoyed leading the song

service for many years. He faithfully attended Mt. Olive Church of Christ over the past couple of years as his health permitted. A visitation will be held at Gardendale Funeral Home on Friday, August 3, from 9 to 10 AM, with a graveside service to follow at Mt. Olive Cemetery at 10:30 AM.

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“ *Our thoughts are with your family. May the words in Isaiah 57:15 give you hope and comfort.* ”

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