



Edwin Fleener Harris

December 21, 1929 - January 31, 2016

Edwin Fleener Harris passed away at his home on January 31, 2016, after several years of suffering from dementia. He was born in Abilene, Texas, on December 21, 1924, to Mable Lee Fleener Harris and Benjiman Braselton Harris. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1942, and entered the United States Navy at age 17. He served on the USS Bell during World War II in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Baltic, re-enlisted in August 1946, and was commissioned in the Naval Reserves in 1948, where he served until 1982, and retired as a Captain.

Upon return to the States in 1946, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Houston in 1950. He was a licensed professional engineer in every state. He was also a Land Surveyor in two states. He was employed by Tennessee Gas Transmission Company from 1950 to 1990, when he retired as Director of the Kern River Gas Project. He was a member of the Society of Civil Engineers and was Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee in the Houston Chamber of Commerce in the late 1970s. He was an active member of the East Texas Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America in Huntsville, Texas.

Edwin was an avid runner for many years and ran about 60 marathons and ten triathlons. He also loved to travel and he and his wife traveled all over the world, both on land and on cruises.

The family wants to give special thanks to Pat Oliphant, who took such excellent care of him over the past year.

He is predeceased by his parents and his sister and brother-in-law, Candy and P.A. Daniel, and grandson, Matthew Edwin Harris. He is survived by Cynthia Harris, his wife of 44 years; two sons D. Michael Harris (wife Karol Kaye), and John Edwin Harris, Austin; two grandsons Jason and Britt Harris, Houston; and niece, Linda Gayle Kennedy, Tyler.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, with burial at 2:30 p.m. at the Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas.

Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Visitation

FEB 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
5019 Sam Houston Avenue
Huntsville, TX

Graveside

FEB 4. 2:30 PM (CT)

Houston National Cemetery
10410 Veterans Memorial Dr
Houston, TX 77038
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.asp>

Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edwin Fleener Harris*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - February 04, 2016 at 08:15 AM



“ *Edwin Fleener Harris*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Mrs. Harris I am so sorry for your lose. I am so glad that I got to meet Mr. Harris. He will be missed.*

Sheetal Patel

sheetal - February 06, 2016 at 05:59 PM



“ *I clearly remember first meeting "Mike's Dad" in 1966 - cool guy, and impressibly again when he and Mike were running double marathons together - lived life well. Susie and I offer our sincere condolences to John, Mike, KK and family. Gregg & Susie Young, Austin.*

Gregg & Susie Young - February 04, 2016 at 07:05 PM

CC

“ Cynthia and family, I extend my heartfelt sympathy to you for your loss. I had the pleasure to work with Ed at Tenneco. He always had a "can do" attitude that certainly gave me an uplift at the most appropriate times. My life has truly been enriched by him.

Claude Cox

Claude Cox - February 03, 2016 at 07:18 PM

HR

“ Halene and Ron Crossman; Colette and Luis Reyes purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Edwin Fleener Harris.



Halene and Ron Crossman; Colette and Luis Reyes -
February 03, 2016 at 12:36 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edwin Fleener Harris.



February 02, 2016 at 03:25 PM

DS

“ Melanie and I want to express our sorry to Mike and family in the loss of his father. Please know that you will be in our prayers during this time of grief and loss. Dick Scott-Welch

Dick Scott-Welch - February 02, 2016 at 02:38 PM

CM

“ I know we will all miss Ed. He was a great American who sacrificed much time away from his family and loved ones while serving his country!! I always enjoyed seeing him in his uniform! I was very glad that I was able to visit with him at the MOAA functions! He was definitely a fine Officer and gentleman. To the family, we all share your sad loss! Warmest Regards, Champe & Virginia Miller

Champe & Virginia Miller - February 01, 2016 at 06:06 PM

DM

“ It was always an honor to visit with Captain Harris at our MOAA functions. Somehow he always made it in his Navy dress blue uniform. I am sorry we weren't able to visit more often. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to all the family.

Dan McDaniel - February 01, 2016 at 04:56 PM

VE

“ I am so sorry to hear about Edwin. My fondest memory is that he loved the tortiila rolls I would make and bring to St. Stephens. There was always a care package sent with Edwin and you to enjoy later. He was always so kind and sincere. Cynthia, you and your family are in our prayers

Vicki and David Easley - February 01, 2016 at 12:47 PM

JF

While I did not personally know Edwin, I have benefited greatly from his fine son, Michael. So based on what I have learned from Michael, I know Edwin was a great man. And, after all of these years, I finally know where the name "Fleener" came from!

John Fischer - February 01, 2016 at 06:07 PM

LR

Ed worked in Planning at Tennessee Gas and my husband Bill Rogers (who is recently also deceased) was Vice President of Planning for many years. I also worked at Tennessee and remember Ed from those days as a kind person and a diligent worker on the Planning Department staff. My condolences to his family.

Lilyan Rogers - February 03, 2016 at 09:15 PM