

John L. Hart

EASTLAND - John L. Hart, 86, passed away Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at his home in Eastland. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 22, 2003, in the Bakker Funeral Chapel with Rev. Bill Hart officiating. Interment will be in the Corinth Cemetery.

He was born to John S. and Bessie (Hock) Hart on October 28, 1916 in Eastland County. He grew up in Eastland County and graduated from Eastland High School and Hardin Simmons University. While at Hardin Simmons, John was Drum Major of the Cowboy Band.

He married Mary Aiken on June 17, 1940 in Abilene, Texas. A lifetime resident of the Eastland area, John was a retired independent oil broker, and officiated college football games for many years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Eastland and the Lone Cedar Country Club.

He is survived by his wife Mary of Eastland; a son Pat Hart and his wife Betty of Olden; a daughter Judy Hodgin and her husband Jim of Salado; two brothers Bill Hart of Eastland and Newton Hart of Odessa and one sister, Bessie Marie Brock of Cisco. Six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by a son Bob in 2002.

Family visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Funeral Home.