



Harold Dean Hewitt

March 15, 1923 - March 18, 2017

Harold Dean Hewitt, 94, a third generation lifelong resident of Springdale, AR passed away Saturday, March 18, 2017, in Springdale. He was born March 15, 1923, to Carl and Mae Anderson Hewitt. Harold was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Mary Virginia Jones Hewitt and one sister, Genevieve Hewitt Shouse. He is survived by one daughter, Merry Lee Phillips and her husband, Jim, three grandchildren, Paige Elise Phillips of Austin, TX; Payne Hewitt Phillips and Pierce Hewitt Phillips of Fayetteville and several nieces and nephews.

Harold graduated from Springdale High School in 1942, where he made many of his lifelong friends. He excelled in sports and played football and basketball and was president of his senior class. After graduation he attended the University of Arkansas on a football scholarship and lettered in 1943 for the Razorbacks. During World War II, Harold was drafted into the Air Force and married Mary Virginia Jones in 1944. He was stationed on several air bases in Oklahoma and Mississippi before being deployed to Iwo Jima.

After the war ended, he and Mary moved back to Springdale where he joined his father in the retail liquor business on Emma Avenue. He expanded the business that was begun by his father immediately after the end of Prohibition. Harold successfully owned and operated several retail liquor stores in Springdale even though he never tasted alcohol himself. Harold was fairly

unique in that he never tasted any soft drinks, tea or coffee. He also never tasted a single green vegetable and lived a long life eating meat, potatoes, gravy, tamales, chili and chocolate malts.

In 1990, Harold semi-retired and enjoyed traveling and visiting their condo in Branson where they often entertained friends and enjoyed the shows there. His hobbies over his lifetime included raising hydroponic greenhouse tomatoes, mining for magnesium, trips out west in his motorhome, traveling with Mary, his friends and family. He enjoyed houseboating on Beaver Lake, daily exercising, visiting with store employees, attending Razorback football and basketball games, tournaments and bowl games. Harold was true dog lover and was especially fond of puppies.

Harold was a former member of the Springdale Rotary Club, Elks Club, VFW, Springdale Country Club and on the board of directors of the First State Bank/Worthen Bank. He took pride in his induction into the Springdale High School Athletic Hall of Fame for football. Socially, he and Mary were members of their "Couple's Club" having 20 friends that met bi-monthly starting after WWII and lasting into the 1980s. He was a loyal friend to many of Springdale's early leaders and saw Springdale grow from a very small town to the size it is today. As a youth, Harold spent many hours playing and spending his free time on Emma Avenue at popular places like Penrods and the Hitchin' Post.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 26, from 4 – 6 p.m. at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale, AR. Graveside services will be Monday, March 27, at 2 p.m. at Bluff Cemetery in Springdale with Judy Van Hoose officiating. Memorials can be made to Springdale Animal Shelter, 321 W. Randall Wobbe Lane, Springdale, AR 72764.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Bluff Cemetery

795 N. Shiloh Street
Springdale, AR 72764

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

Graveside Service

MAR 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bluff Cemetery
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Springdale, AR 72764

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Dean Hewitt*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Dear Merry Lee and family,*

Sorry to hear about your Dad. Our condolences. I'll never forget the sleepover when your parents allowed an invasion of giggling girls of momentous numbers to invade their home, treating all with good humor and patience.

Melinda Gay

Melinda Gay - April 03, 2017 at 06:18 PM



“ *I wanted to express my sympathy for your loss. Sending prayers to the family left behind.*

I remember going to their home many many years ago with there niece, Carol Cravins, and swimming in the "cement pond" pool. Boy was it ever cold!!!

My parents knew Harold and Mary well and they were always nice to our family.

May God be with the family now and give them peace.

Cindy (Poling) Strawser

SHS class of 1963

Cindy - March 25, 2017 at 02:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Dean Hewitt.



March 25, 2017 at 12:59 PM



“ So sorry to hear of his passing, one of the true founders of our community, Sincere condolences to your family from ours.

Rocky Parsons - March 24, 2017 at 10:01 AM



“ My Dad, Elam Gibbs worked for Harold and Mary after he retired from Jones Truck Lines. He really thought a lot of Harold Dean and Mary Virginia and spoke so highly of them. He also talked about Jim and Merry Lee often. My dad really enjoyed helping Harold and Mary out. Harold was so good to my Mom after my Dad's passing. I will always remember their caring ways. So sorry for your loss and Harold will be missed. Prayers and thoughts for Gods comfort and peace for the family.
Janet Gibbs Lager

Janet Gibbs Lager - March 23, 2017 at 05:17 PM



“ Our thoughts are with you today. Sorry for your loss. Jim&Anita Davis in Rogers ,Mike Davis in Camden.



Billy&Rita Spears of Camden Ar - March 23, 2017 at 12:12 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Harold Dean Hewitt.*



March 23, 2017 at 10:53 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.*

Tom Reed

Tom Reed - March 23, 2017 at 10:03 AM



I work for the company, and just wanted to express my sympathy for your loss. Sending prayers your way

Liz Ledet - March 25, 2017 at 12:56 PM



“ *My favorite memory of Harold Dean was on a visit with my mom, Ruth, to their home. I was a pre-teen and fascinated with the garden. He took me under his wing and proudly gave me a lesson in his growing techniques for the famous tomato crop. I valued this personal experience all my life. While in college, he was willing to provide me with a part time job that assisted greatly with my living expenses. God Bless you Harold Dean!*

*Charles Burt
Washington DC*

Charles Burt - March 23, 2017 at 08:06 AM

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“ *Merry Lee and family. What a wonderful father (and mother) and grandfather you were blessed with in this life. Harold was always so very nice to me and my family. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*

Sam Wilson

Sam Wilson - March 23, 2017 at 07:03 AM

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“ *Billy&Rita Spears Of Camden Ar lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Hewitt*



Billy&Rita Spears of Camden Ar - March 22, 2017 at 10:46 PM

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“ *Sending out deepest sympathy. Thoughts and prayers are with you. God gave him a great life.*



Billy&Rita Spears of Camden Ar - March 22, 2017 at 10:42 PM