

David “Dave” Vardaman

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David “Dave” Vardaman, 87, of Orange, Texas, passed away on August 8, 2016, at his home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 13, 2016, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Orange. Officiating will be Reverend Sinclair Oubre. Burial will follow at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m., with a Rosary held at 6:00 p.m., Friday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Born in Port Arthur, Texas, on November 24, 1928, he was the son of Ayres A. Vardaman and Edna Weeks Vardaman. He participated in the Boy Scouts of America and earned the distinction as an Eagle Scout. David graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1946 and went on to graduate from Texas A & M University in 1950 with a degree in chemical engineering. He was on the swim team in college and loved Aggie football. After graduation, David served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War as a member of SAC. He enjoyed spending his time watching golf, pro football, and attending musicals and operas. David loved his job working for DuPont for 45 years where he got to travel the world. He loved the people he worked with, his friends, and most importantly, his family. David will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Will Jackson; and his sisters, Audrey Hudson and Mary Clannan.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of 65 years, Betty Vardaman; son, Michael Vardaman, of Las Vegas; daughter, Marianne Vardaman Jackson and husband Bill, of Seabrook; grandchildren, Gavin Ewing, Heather Hughes, and David Hughes; nephew, Michael Hughes and wife Julie, of Orange; and his niece, Kathy Sonnier and husband Neal, also of Orange.