



**Richard Neal Hargis 07/07/1930
– 05/17/2021**

Richard Neal Hargis, age 90, of San Antonio, TX, died on Monday, May 17, 2021. He was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on July 7, 1930. In 1955, he became a lifelong resident of San Antonio.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 37 years, Helen Hargis (Marshall); father Mark Hargis, mother Ethel Hargis (Nix), brother Phil Hargis; parents-in-law Louie and Emma Weinheimer.

He is survived by five children, Leslie Greer (Cokley) and husband David, Carlton Cokley and wife Elnora, Susan Reddig (Hargis) and husband Pete, John Hargis and wife Nina, Alan Hargis and wife Jennifer; 11 grandchildren, Paul Flood, James Flood, JT Greer, Ariel Cantu, Bryan Cantu, Jennifer Cokley, Keith Goldstein, Jake Goldstein, Joanna Hargis, Courtney Hargis, Madeline Hargis, and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Richard graduated from the University of Oklahoma in the ROTC program with a bachelor's degree in Geological Engineering in 1952. He played on the OU football team his freshman year. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force upon graduation from OU and served his last year in the Korean war as an air traffic controller.

He worked as a geologist with Amerada Petroleum, Inc. in San Antonio from 1954 to 1959. Starting in 1959, he founded and served as CEO of Stratex Petroleum, Inc., until

his retirement in 2015. He contributed numerous abstracts to the South Texas Geological Society special publications. Two of his contributions of special note were published in 1962 and 1986 by the South Texas Geological Society, "Stratigraphy of the Carrizo-Wilcox of a Portion of South Texas and its Relationship to Production" and "Proposed Stratigraphic Classification of the Wilcox of South Texas," which has been cited 31 times. His studies became increasingly important in the exploration of oil and gas. Towards the end of his career, Richard became a consultant for the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District (EUWCD). The EUWCD Director said to the local newspaper that Hargis' study was unprecedented in the area, "Other studies have been done, but they haven't been as complete as Hargis' study."

He was a member of the South Texas Geological Society and the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES).

He enjoyed watching the OU Sooners football, Dallas Cowboys, and San Antonio Spurs. Also, he loved exercising, deep-sea fishing, snow and water skiing, and weekend barbecues with his family. He was a Deacon at the University Presbyterian Church in the 1970s, an usher at MacArthur Park Lutheran Church in the 1980's and '90s, and later, he was a member of the St. Matthew's Methodist Church.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Funeral Caring, located at 17331 I-35 N #100, Schertz, TX 78154. Graveside service and burial will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park & Funeral Home, 1701 Austin Hwy, San Antonio, TX 78218.

