

JAMES H. LEWIS, JR.

1927 – 2011

RUNAWAY BAY: James H. Lewis, Jr., 84, died on Friday, June 24, 2011, at home in Runaway Bay.

Jim was born in Healdton, OK on May 16, 1927, and graduated from Gladewater (TX) High School, Kilgore (TX) Junior College, and Texas A&M University. He served briefly in the U.S. Navy Air Force as an aviation mechanic. In 1951, he met and married Evelyn Leinart in Crockett, TX, to whom he was married for 60 years this past March 9.

Jim retired from Mason-Hanger Silas Mason Co. after 38 years, having worked for the company in Burlington, IA (25 years), Richmond, KY (1 year) and Picayune, MS (12 years). He was an avid sports fan, following all sports; his real love, however, was golf, which he began playing at an early age. Until the last few years of his life, he maintained a single digit handicap. He also was proficient as a bowler, bowling with a touring competition team when he could not play golf in the long snowy winters of Iowa.

Jim is survived by his wife Evelyn; two children, Deborah Lewis of Jessup, MD and Alan Lewis of Dickinson, TX; and a sister, Joy Boyd of Butte, MT. Jim's body was donated to the UT Southwestern Medical School through the Willed Body Program. When his ashes are returned to the family, they will be spread on the golf course at The Club at Runaway Bay, where he played golf for many years.

A memorial service was held for Jim Lewis at 11 a.m. on July 5, 2011, at the Runaway Bay Community Church, Runaway Bay, TX. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Bridgeport Public Library, Bridgeport, TX.

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