

GARLAND FERRIS HAM

1930-2015

AURORA: Garland Ferris Ham, 84, of Aurora, a retired organizer for United Auto Workers died Wednesday, February 4, 2015 in Bedford, Texas.

Garland was born February 28, 1930 to James Arlander and Bertie (Crum) Ham in Van, Texas. He married Lois McGoodwin on June 1, 1949 in Rhome, Texas. They have been married for 65 years. Garland also served his country in the United States Navy.

Garland was a lifelong Democrat. He was involved in politics at an early age. He was one of the very first employees of General Motors in Arlington. His badge number is 12. He was one of the two prime-in plant movers behind the organizing of the Arlington B-O-P (General Motors) employees.

Garland Ham was sworn in as the first President of Local Union 276. He had just turned 24 years old. Today, he is still known as the very first President of Local 276.

At the time of his death he was retired from General Motors and the International Union.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Ham of Aurora; daughters: Sandra Scruggs and husband, Tommy, of Bedford and Garlene Weaver and husband, Tommy, of Aurora; four grandchildren: Johnathan Weaver and wife, Danelle; Adrienne Weaver and husband, Daniel Bradford; Garrett Scruggs and Taylor Scruggs; three great grandchildren: Payton Weaver, Coy Bradford and Eli Bradford and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Herbert Ham.

Graveside services were private at Aurora Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Newark or Rhome Fire Departments.

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