



Charles Thomas Airhart

May 1, 1922 - November 19, 2011

Chief Master Sergeant Charles T. Airhart of Blue Ridge, Texas passed away November 19, 2011 at the age of 89. He was born May 1, 1922 to Wesley Hendricks and Elsie Mae (Wallis) Airhart in Blue Ridge. Charles was a 1941 graduate of McKinney High School. He left Texas A&M to serve in the Army Air Corps from 1942-1946 where he was a veteran of WWII. He continued his service in the Air Force Reserves from 1946-1982. He was a Link Trainer instructor at Hensley Field and a Reserve Training Specialist at Carswell Air Force Base. After serving his country proudly, Charles returned home to continue his family's farming tradition. He was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church in Valdosta, Texas. Charles was the great grandson of John and Louiza Airhart, early Collin County settlers who came to the Valdosta area in 1879. His grandfather was Thomas Morgan Airhart (Pa Tom) who established the agricultural business Charles was actively involved in until his death. Charles raised Shorthorn cattle and grew hay and oats. He took considerable pride in his cattle, particularly the baby calves. The farm Charles lived on had been in continuous agricultural operation since 1891 and will continue to be farmed by his family. He was a kind, loving, compassionate man. Charles always put family first. The chief source of pride was his daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. His life and character have made and will continue to make an indelible impression on all who knew him. He is survived by his daughters, Teresa Airhart of Blue Ridge and Sally Schwend and husband George of Emory, Texas as well as George's family; grandchildren, Jenny Darley and husband Tim of Dallas, Luke Ragsdale and wife Raschel of Forney; great grandchildren, Makena Ragsdale, Dalen Ragsdale, Emma Darley; and a soon to arrive great granddaughter "Baby D"; sister in law, Frances Airhart, wife of Jackie Airhart, and numerous nieces and nephews and other loving relatives. Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Wesley and Elsie Airhart; brothers, Jackie Airhart and Wallis Airhart and wife Oleta Airhart,; companion, Madeleine Henry, and former wife, Stephanie Airhart. Funeral services will be held, 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 26, 2011 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel. Interment will immediately follow at Stoney Point Cemetery in Melissa, Texas. The family will receive friends during a visitation on Friday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials

Sally and Family: Our heartfelt sympathy to you on the loss of your dear father. He was a very special and loving person and I know you all will miss him very much. You were very blessed to have him in your life. My thoughts and prayers are with you. We were out of town when we heard the news and during the funeral or we would have been there. Much love - Debbie and Lance

DEBBIE & LANCE ARMSTRONG, NOVEMBER 28, 2011

To Sally and family - my wishes and concerns are with you. While I never met him, I can imagine what a special person Charles was and how much he must be missed. Military, farm and family - what a full life. Strength to you now in your loss.

JAYNE SCHWEND, NOVEMBER 27, 2011

Sending our sincere sympathy. Sorry we were unable to come to funeral services but your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Charlie Tom would come to the trailer on the hill during the summer (inherited Airhart land) and visit with us. He was a dear cousin and we thought alot of him. My dad, Jim Todd, was very fond of this Airhart family. My brother, Jerry Tom Airhart from Roswell sends his sympathy too.

VALENCIA AIRHART HEWETT, NOVEMBER 26, 2011

To Sally and Family, my thoughts and concern go out to you in this difficult time. Im sorry not to have met Mr. Airhart. He sounds like such a kind, sweet person and knowing him to be Sally's parent, I can imagine what a special person he was. Wishing you strength and comfort in his memories ~

JAYNE SCHWEND, NOVEMBER 25, 2011

We also had not had the pleasure of knowing Charles Airhart, but feel all of the virtues of love and kindness he instilled in his daughter Sally, are a shinning testimonial to the kind of man he was. The world will be a sadder place with his passing, and I think heaven has just become a little bit better place now. Our sympathies go out to the entire Airhart family

TWINKLE AND MARK SCHWEND, NOVEMBER 25, 2011

We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers lifted for all the family.

JACK AND DENICE BURNSIDE WEBB, NOVEMBER 25, 2011

So sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Charlie Tom. Mattie Lee

MATTIE LEE MILLER CRAFT & FAMILY, NOVEMBER 25, 2011

To the Airhart family, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

DOROTHY LORANCE GIBSON, NOVEMBER 24, 2011

We never had the opportunity or good fortune to meet Mr. Airhart, but we've come to know his daughter, and our sister-in-law, Sally. Given what a kind, loving, positive and caring person Sally is, we wish we had had that opportunity as we're sure that Mr. Airhart was equally so throughout his life. Our sympathies and thoughts go out to the entire Airhart family.

GARY & DEBORAH SCHWEND, NOVEMBER 23, 2011

Our hearts and prayers go out to the family... J and Mary

JOHN DEAN, NOVEMBER 22, 2011

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