



Wayne Hartsfield

September 3, 1935 - September 3, 2009

Wayne Hartsfield, 74, lifelong Searcy resident was born December 6, 1934 and passed away Thursday, September 3, 2009.

Mr. Hartsfield was a member of First Baptist Church of Searcy where he served as a Deacon and a Sunday school teacher. His accomplishments and service to the community and state showed his love for family, community, and state. He was a servant to his community and a friend to those he served. Though a financier and businessman, many days he could be found tending to his cattle, working his farm, supporting state and local sports teams, and spending time with family. He was a strong advocate for education in the state. Finally, he was a man of God who believed in building and strengthening his Church so that more could find the peace of Christ that he knew.

Hartsfield graduated from Searcy High School in 1952 and earned degrees from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and ABA Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University. He served as a Army officer after college and became a captain in the Army Reserve prior to joining First National Bank of Searcy. He is retired as President and Chairman of the Board for Regions Bank of Searcy.

Past accomplishments include Arkansas State Board of Education, Arkansas State University Board of Trustees, Past President of Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce; Past President of Arkansas Bankers Association.

Currently, Mr. Hartsfield was Chairman of White County Medical Center Board

of Trustees; a member of Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame and Blue Ribbon Highway Commission.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William O. Hartsfield and Zada Wyatt Hartsfield and one sister, Carol Hartsfield Shelby.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Suzy Green Hartsfield; four daughters, Donna Rippey and her husband, Will of Searcy, Rebecca Hartsfield of Little Rock, Julie Knight and her husband, Todd of Arkadelphia, and Jennifer Hartsfield of Benton; six grandchildren, Casey, Spencer and Jacob Knight, David, Matthew, and Julia Rippey; one brother, Harold Hartsfield and his wife, Sue of St. Louis, Missouri.

Funeral services will be conducted 2:30 pm Sunday at First Baptist Church in Searcy. Visitation at the church will immediately follow the services until 5:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to First Baptist Church Building Fund or White County Medical Center Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Homes. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Tribute Wall



“ Susie, we are so sorry for your loss. I always appreciated you and Wayne getting Susan to school for me when Bill had the motor cycle accident. He was always so kind to everyone. You and your family are in our prayers. Jane, Richard, Bob, Sandra, Bobby & Susan

February 10, 2016 at 05:44 PM



“ I was so saddened to learn of Mr. Hartsfield's death. I so appreciated his service to the ASU Board of Trustees, and especially for being the rock we needed during a very tumultuous time years ago. I am so thankful that he was there for us and for his unwavering support.

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“ Wayne Hartsfield was a gentleman and a scholar. There will forever be a void in the lives of those who knew and loved him. My sincere condolences to his family.

September 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Suzy and family:
Sharon and I send our deepest smypathies. Wayne was in addition to being a great man and a great civic leader, a great friend and confidant to me. I will miss our conversations. Please note our thoughts and prayers were with you during the service. We had a previously scheduled event that took us out of town on Saturday and Sunday but our hearts were with you. We love you all.
Tommy and Sharon Jackson

September 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a privilege it was to know and work with Wayne. Suzy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*

September 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *We liked and admired Wayne Hartsfield. He accomplished much without losing his humility and appreciation for others. May God be with you and bless you, Suzy and family, in the coming days.*

September 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Suzy, Becky and all,*

So sorry for your loss. The pain of losing a loved makes the heart feel empty but knowing that you will reunite in the ever after provides comfort. Wayne's life was full and meaningful...he was so proud of ALL of his girls.

May rich, happy memories fill your thoughts,

Caroline Christian Gairhan

September 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Suzy and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May you draw strength on the assurance that he is with the Lord. May God bless you during the days ahead.*

September 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a privilege it was to know Wayne. My mother, Bernice Horn, never worried about her banking matters because she always felt Wayne was her "personal banker". She and my dad thought the world of Wayne, Susie and your family. How nice it is for you to know that Wayne truly made a difference during his time on Earth. He will be remembered as a man of integrity, compassion and service to his community and his state. He will be missed and Searcy won't be the same without him. May the love of friends comfort you. May the love of God give you peace.*

September 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wayne was a special man with very special talents which he chose to share with everyone. All of us are better for having known him and our community is far better for his generous sharing of time and gifts. Your family will be close in our hearts as you go forward without him. His influence remains with you forever.*

September 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM