



Edward McMurry

July 11, 1912 - March 9, 2012

Edward Hoyse McMurry passed away March 9, 2012, in his home of 53 years in Lubbock. He was born July 11, 1912, in Silverton and spent most of his childhood on a ranch near Vigo Park.

He enrolled at Tech in 1929 and, despite interruptions caused by the Depression, earned an architecture degree in 1938 and later became a member of the American Institute of Architects. While at Tech he also met his wife of 73 years, Esther Lloyd Jones. His early career was interrupted by service in the Army Air Corps, which he entered at age 32. He rose to the rank of sergeant as a turret gunner on a P-61 Black Widow and, at the time the war ended, was part of the forces preparing to invade the Japanese mainland. He resumed his architectural career in 1946 and began his own business in 1952, later joined by Calvin Craig. Over the next 25 years they designed schools, churches, and civic buildings throughout the South Plains, including the Mahon Library and the Plant Science and Psychology buildings at Tech. With two other firms they also designed the Tech Museum and dormitories such as Murdough, Hulen, and Gates Halls.

In 1955 he became a charter member of the South Plains Lions Club, where he maintained perfect attendance for almost 50 years. He served as Club President and District Governor, and he was later inducted into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame.

Surviving him are his wife, Esther, daughter Kathryn Hunt (Warren) of Lubbock, son Allan (Nancy) of Austin, and son Steven (Gwat) of Shorewood, Wisconsin. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Kevin Hunt (Ginger) and Melissa King, Brandon, Ryan, and Erin McMurtry, and Caitlin and Alexander McMurtry, along with three great-granddaughters, Amy Hunt and Calli and Makenna King. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in the Bowman Chapel at First United Methodist Church.

Donations may be made to the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas.