



Sartain, ,George Louis

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George Louis Sartain, 82, of Tulsa, died Saturday, September 30, 2006.

Survived by a loving family and friends.

Those are the facts. The rest of the story, as Tulsan Paul Harvey would say, is a life of a dust bowl Okie, who in eight decades found his way to touch the lives of everyone he came into contact with. His Army buddies in the Pacific Theatre, the Cuban exiles he befriended on their arrival to their new home in Oklahoma, and the Cherokee children that he mentored at a rural Oklahoma mission over the past 35 years. Those are also, just the facts.

His love - his soul - was Evelyn, his bride of 55 years, who preceded him in death 4 years ago; his daughter, Renee Sartain; eldest son and namesake, George L. "Bud" Sartain, Jr., and wife, Judith; and youngest son, Andy Sartain and wife, Mary. Dottie Sartain joined the family this year as George's bride and was the driving energy of his twilight years. He is also survived by his granddaughter, Dominique; and his twin grandsons, Aaron and Louis; sisters, Evelyn and Harolyn complete the list of survivors. The two, along with Madelyn who preceded them in death, completed the offspring of Harold and Minnie Sartain, who reared the children on a homestead in Logan County.

George left the farm and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942, training first as an Engineer, then as a Frogman, and finally as an Infantryman in the 96th Infantry Division, the "Deadeyes," which took him to the Philippines, where he landed with the second wave. There he earned the first of two Purple Hearts. The second one, which sent him home, he earned after landing in the first wave on Okinawa and surviving 40 days on the front line.

In 1949, he graduated from Oklahoma A& M, (O.S.U.) with a degree in Accounting, which he used for the next 6 decades to build two successful Tulsa accounting firms, Sartain Fischbein & Company and Tullius Taylor Sartain and Sartain; and be recognized for this when named a Distinguished Alumni of the O.S.U. School of Accounting, in 2003. Accounting was his profession. His life was extending a compassionate hand to those in need. Although his Lutheran devotion brought him into contact with many, the most notable were the Cherokee children at Oaks Indian Mission, where George served as treasurer and board member. To honor and celebrate this life the family invites all to a service, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 4, 2006, at Fellowship Lutheran Church, 6727 S. Sheridan. Burial will follow at Floral Haven Cemetery.