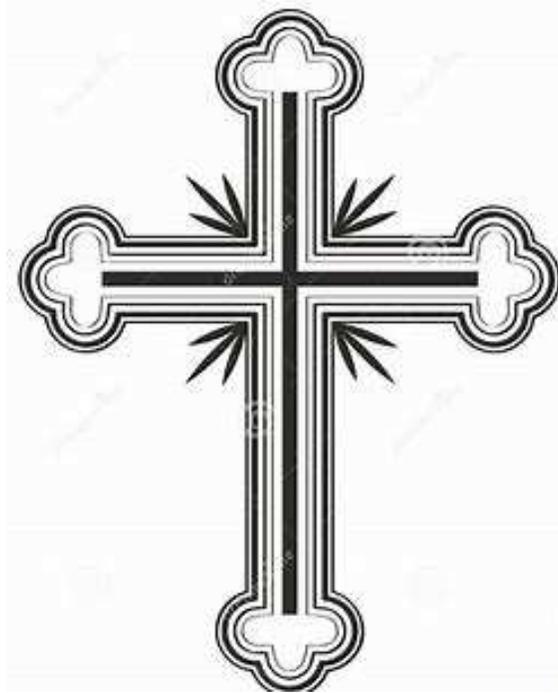


**The Celebration of the Life  
of  
Arthur Oran Evans, III**

November 29, 1941

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January 3, 2019



**January 11, 2019**

*A Preface to the Service of the Burial of the Dead*

*The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.*

*The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

*This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.*

## **Prelude**

### **The Ringing of the Bells**

#### **Opening Anthems**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;  
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;  
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;  
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;  
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,  
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,  
and no man dieth to himself.  
For if we live, we live unto the Lord.  
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.  
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;  
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*        And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

*Celebrant*

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Arthur, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Welcome**

Hymn: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* ..... Hymnal 207

*Descant*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

**A reading from the book of Isaiah..... *Isiah 61:1-3***

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion--  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The people remain seated as we read in unison.*

**Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**A reading from the revelation to John ..... Revelation 21:2-7**

I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

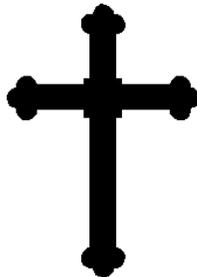
"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."  
Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*All stand.*



Sequence Hymn: *I come to the garden alone*.....LEVAS 69

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the  
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so  
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the

1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing  
 2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He  
 3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the

1. on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.  
 2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.  
 3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He

tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we

tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

*The people remain standing for the reading of The Gospel.*

**The Gospel ..... John 11:21-27**

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*        Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother, Lazarus, would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**The Sermon: The Rev. Ken Dimmick**

**Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. *Amen.*

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. *Amen.*

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. *Amen.*

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. *Amen.*

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. *Amen.*

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. *Amen.*

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. *Amen.*

Grant us grace to entrust Arthur to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. *Amen.*

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

*Celebrant*

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with Arthur and all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand*

*Celebrant*      The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          And also with you.

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

Offertory Hymn: *From all that dwell below the skies*..... Hymnal 380

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
 \*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving..... Eucharistic Prayer I, BCP 333

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.

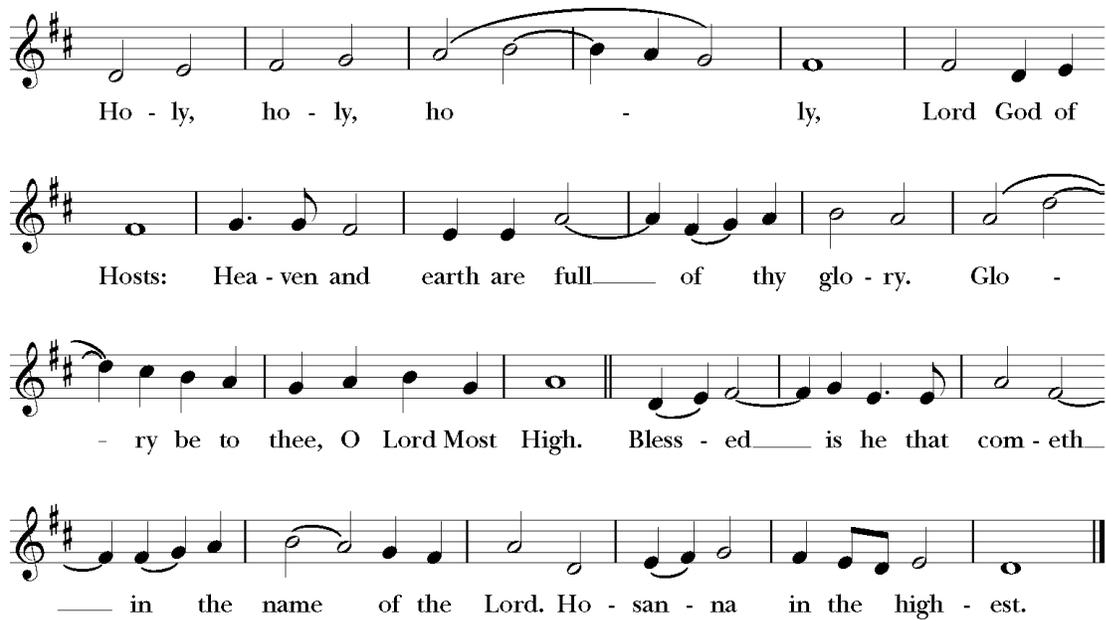
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People* It is meet and right so to do.

*Then, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

Sanctus .....S114



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.



And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.  
A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem: *O Lamb of God* ..... S157

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### The Communion of the People

*All who seek God's blessing are welcome to come to the altar rail. All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. If you are not yet baptized, or do not wish to receive for any reason, cross your arms over your chest and you will be given a blessing.*

**Music During Communion:**

**Jan Harrington, Soprano Sax  
Pat Herring, Piano**

Communion Hymn: "I am the bread of life" .....Hymnal 335



1 I am the bread of life; they who  
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my  
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the  
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,  
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -  
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who  
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and  
 4 I am the life. They who be -  
 5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for  
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -  
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they  
 5 Son of God who has



1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.  
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.  
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.  
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.  
 5 come in - to the world.

*Descant*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

*Refrain*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

1-4

last day. 5 Yes, day.

2 The  
3 Un- day.  
4 —  
5 Yes,  
(?)

*Final Ending*

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

### **The Commendation at the Font**

*Celebrant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,  
*People* where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*Celebrant*

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Celebrant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,  
*People* where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*Celebrant*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Arthur. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

### **Blessing**

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:  
*And let light perpetual shine upon him.*

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn: *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound*.....Hymnal 671

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.*

## Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

### Ministers in the Service

Celebrant:	The Rev. Ken Dimmick
Thurifer:	Monica Reyna
Lectors:	Bob Ziegenhals Allen Grosser
Intercessor:	Lisa Evans
Crucifer:	Donna Grissom
Gospel Bearer:	Caroline Wilkins
Torch Bearers:	Laura Reyna Katie Reyna
Greeters:	Max and Letha Barbee
Oblationers:	Max and Letha Barbee
Music:	John Brun, Organist Jeffrey Blair, Trumpet Pat Herring, Piano Jan Harrington, Soprano Sax

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*The family of Arthur Evans wishes to express their thanks to all who have been so thoughtful and supportive. All are invited to come to the St. Thomas' Parish Hall for a reception where they may greet the family immediately following the service.*

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## Arthur Oran Evans, III

Arthur Oran Evans, III, 77, of Wharton, TX, passed away Thursday, January 3, 2019 at a Richmond hospital following a brief illness. He was born on November 29, 1941 in Freeport, a son of the late Arthur Oran Evans, Jr and Aileen Miller Evans.

Arthur was raised in the Freeport area and graduated from Brazosport High School in 1960. He continued his education at Southern Methodist University in Dallas where he played tennis and was a member of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. He completed his post graduate education at the University of Texas in Austin. Upon graduation, he worked in the shipping business for many years before making a career change into education. He began his teaching and coaching career in Llano ISD before moving to Bay City ISD and finally to Kempner High School in Fort Bend ISD. He spent many years there coaching tennis and teaching government and economics.

On December 19, 1986, he married Mary Mitchell at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. Arthur was very active in his church serving as a past Vestry member and on other committees as well as participating in many church activities.

He and Mary enjoyed traveling over the years, especially after his retirement, visiting many different states as well as other countries. He also learned to love camping with family, good friends and especially the grandchildren. He also loved tennis. As a lifelong tennis player, he took every opportunity to get out on the tennis courts. He especially loved playing with his two sons, Lance and Arthur IV and his grandson, Lance II.

Arthur was an active member of the Stephen F. Austin Statue Association, helping to spread Texas history to students and adults. He was also a proud member of The Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT). He served in various positions in the SRT but for the past few years as an Area Representative. After retiring, he became interested in genealogy and enjoyed helping other people trace their ancestry especially if it meant he could recruit new members into the SRT.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Mitchell Evans of Wharton, sons, Lance Evans and wife Jennifer of Freeport and Arthur O. Evans IV of Wharton, stepdaughter Kaye McKlaine of West Hollywood, CA, step son Joshua Driscoll and wife Sheri of Houston and his grandchildren Lance Evans II, Hannah Driscoll, Berlyn Driscoll and Daxton Offenhauser-Driscoll. He is also survived by his sister Kay Millsap and husband Gerry of Freeport.

Special thanks to our St. Thomas' church family and friends for all of their prayers, love and support. Also special thanks to the staff at Oak Bend Hospital for their medical care and for all of their prayers, care and compassion.

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*The family asks that contributions in memory of Arthur Evans be made to:*

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*or*

*The Sons of the Republic of Texas, 1717 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Bay City, Tx 77714*