



Benjamin F. Overbey

August 9, 1923 - May 17, 2009

Benjamin Franklin Overbey, 85, of Morrilton, died Sunday, May 17, 2009, at Washington Regional Medical Center. He was born August 23, 1923, at Lamar (Johnson County) to Benjamin Franklin Overbey and Etta Dodson Overbey. Ben served in WW II as a crew chief on bombers in Italy. He continued in the Air Force for 17 years until 1961 when he and two others purchased a Motorola two-way radio shop in Little Rock. He owned and managed Central Arkansas Communications with his business partner, Don Orender, until his retirement in 1986. He was an avid quail hunter and fisherman. Gardening was a strong interest with his tomatoes being highly prized by friends and family.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Geraldine Ruffiner Overbey of Morrilton; a son, Thomas L. Overbey and wife Sallie C. Overbey of Fayetteville; a brother, James L. Overbey of Lamar; a sister, Mary Helen Monroe of Fort Smith; and two grandchildren, Simon J. Overbey of Seattle and Audrey B. Overbey of New York City. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Imogene Ellison, Opal Jones, Genevieve Hudson, and Kathleen Talkington.

A funeral mass will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Charles Thessing officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends one hour before the service. Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Church, 506 E. Broadway St., Morrilton, Arkansas 72110, 501-

354-4181.

Tribute Wall



“ *Benjamin F. Overbey*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Dear Tom, Simon, and Audrey -
I was so saddened to learn of the death of your father and
grandfather. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

June 29, 2018 at 11:38 PM



“ *Tom,
Your family is in my thoughts at this sad time.*

May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *The family is in my thoughts and prayers. My Mother was Edna
Earle Overbey Ashmore.*

May 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM